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Town of Durham **1997 ANNUAL REPORT**

THOMPSON HALL
1883



OLD TOWN HALL
1820



GENERAL JOHN SULLIVAN
MONUMENT



WAGON HILL

TOWN POUND
1800



SMITH CHAPEL

THE LANDING AT THE FALLS



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TOWN OF DURHAM

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In Memoriam

Theodore "Rudy" Niemi

One would only have to shake Rudy's hand to easily guess it was one of two that for years firmly but gently guided Durham's granite rocks into a pleasing order for a long rest. On November 8, 1997, at the age of 87, Theodore "Rudy" Niemi left us for greater glory. Testimony to his stone work can be seen throughout the Town—along Pettee Brook Lane, the north side of Church Hill, Bicentennial Park, Mill Road at McDaniel Drive, Old Landing Seawall and Bagdad Road at Madbury Road to name a few places.

For 27 years Rudy performed many tasks well for the Town. However, his artistry and passion was expressed as a stone mason. He ended his Town career in 1977 as Highway Foreman

and was honored affectionately at his retirement with "life-time dump picking privileges," which he used to recover and recycle lawn mowers and bicycles, many of which he gave away.

Rudy was called on frequently after his retirement to share his wealth of knowledge regarding where water and sewer lines were installed, what was deposited in the landfill and the history of the Durham Public Works Department.

The Town of Durham will always remember Rudy as we enjoy the great beauty and wonderful utility of his magnificent stone walls. Their beauty and strength reflect perfectly the character of Rudy Neimi.

—Joseph "Skip" Grady
Director of Public Works

1997 NEW FACES



Dwight Richard
Department of Public Works,
Water Dept.
Hired 1/21/97



Duane Hyde
Director of Planning &
Community Development
Hired 2/17/97



Deborah Quisumbing
Secretary, Planning, Zoning &
Assessing
Hired 4/14/97



Terry Farish
Director of Durham Public Library
Hired 7/14/97



David Emanuel
Firefighter
Hired 9/9/97



Emily Burns
Secretary, Administration
Hired 10/20/97



Kevin Coyle
Main Street Manager
Hired 12/1/97

Special

Recognition

Service

Duane L. Walker

Superintendent of Wastewater,
Departement of Public Works

On July, 31, 1997 Duane L. Walker, Superintendent of Wastewater, celebrated twenty-five years of dedicated service with the Durham Public Works Department.

Duane was born and raised in Newmarket. Following graduation from Newmarket High School in 1960, he completed the two-year automotive mechanics program at the New Hampshire Technical Institute in Portsmouth. Federal Clean Water Regulations of the early 60's spawned many new and upgraded wastewater treatment facilities that required staffing. Duane saw the opportunity to launch his career in the wastewater field and attended Water and Sewerage Technical School (Neosho, MO), graduating in 1965.

As a Grade II Operator, Duane began nearly 30 years in the field with Durham in 1968, moved to the Newmarket Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in 1970 as Chief Operator until 1972, then returned to Durham to oversee the WWTP in the position he holds today as superintendent. Duane holds a Grade III Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator's License and a CDL Truck Driver's License. He has seen many, many State and Federal regulatory wastewater changes, "survived" two major WWTP upgrades (1978 and 1993), seen the wastewater flow triple from 0.5 million gallons per day to 1.5 million gallons per day and has served with five Public Works Directors.

Duane spends many of his off duty hours golfing, boating, fishing (often in the "hinterlands") and woodworking.

On behalf of the community, thank you for the hard work and devotion you have given over the past quarter century. Durham's Wastewater Treatment Plant's appearance and operating efficiency are testimonials to the professionalism and pride with which you have served the community. Thank you for all your efforts—we look forward to your continued efforts. ♦



—Joseph "Skip" Grady
Director of Public Works

Special

Recognition

Service

Marjorie Rawson

Secretary,
Police Department

No one better exemplifies the Durham Police Department's values of hard work, professionalism and caring for citizens than Marjorie Rawson. In May 1997 Marge completed 25 years of service to the Town of Durham. Marjorie is a life long Stratham resident. She is a graduate of the Robinson Female Seminary, which was an all girls high school located in Exeter. She then went on to earn her Executive Secretarial Diploma from McIntosh College in Dover.

After graduating from McIntosh she became the executive secretary for General Raymond Moses who was the coordinator for the five architectural firms that were designing the yet-to-be-built Pease Air Force Base. When that project ended, she began a 19-year career with Maurice E. Witmer Architects of Portsmouth. Upon the untimely death of Mr. Witmer, the firm closed. Within a few weeks, Marjorie was hired as a secretary and dispatcher at the Durham Police Department.

When she was hired in May of 1972, the entire Police Department was housed in the former Town Hhall, which is now the District Court building. All of the town office staff operated in one half of the first floor of that building. The Police Department occupied a very small portion of that space.

At that time, Marjorie handled all department secretarial duties, dispatching, and record keeping. She also prepared all complaints going before the Durham District Court and maintained the arrest records of all police agencies that came before the court.

Marjorie epitomizes the reputation of those possessing the "Puritan Work Ethic." She arrives to work before everyone else and leaves late in the evening. Through all the technological changes that have earmarked the police profession, Marjorie has held onto the basic premise that all Durham Police Department customers deserve her full and courteous attention. Durham has been a better place due to her commitment, energy and pleasant demeanor.

Thank you, Marge for all your efforts on behalf of the Town of Durham. ♦



—David Kurz
Police Chief

honorable MENTIONS

Several Town staff, council members and citizens were recognized for their services to the community at the March 12, 1997 Informa-tional Town Meeting. We would like to take this opportunity again to thank these individuals for the important contributions they have made.

EMPLOYEE TENURE CERTIFICATES

Charlton Dill, Department of Public Works - 10 years

Mike Hoffman, Fire Department - 10 years

Brian Murray, Fire Department - 5 years

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE CERTIFICATES

Fire Chief Robert Wood for his poem which heads Durham's Web Page

Michael Hoffman for earning Fire Officer of the Year for 1996

William Burns for earning Firefighter of the Year for 1996

COUNCIL MEMBER RECOGNITIONS

William Healy for his service on the Town Council from March 1991-March 1997

Frank Pilar for his service

on the Town Council from March 1996-January 1997.
W. Arthur Grant for filling the vacated Town Council position held by Frank Pilar from January-March 1997

John Aber for his service on the Town Council from March 1994-March 1997

Ralph Bristol for his service on the Town Council from March 1992-October 1996

CITIZEN RECOGNITIONS

Judith Spang and Sharon Meeker. As part of the Conservation Commission's fourth annual Conservation Commission

Award, these citizens were each presented with a "Spotted Turtle" watercolor print by David Carroll of Warner, New Hampshire for their efforts in support of the Lamprey River.

The Town would also like to thank the following individuals who have volunteered their services on various Town boards, commissions and committees:

Conservation Commission
William Bowden

Historic District Commission:
Marion James
Mary Margaret Jaques
Marie Polk

Parks and Recreation Committee:
Richard Lilly
Paula Flanders

Planning Board:
Calvin Hosmer
Lovertia (Dee) Grant

Zoning Board of Adjustment:
Robert Cotter

Recycling Advisory Committee:
William Skinner



DURHAM COMMUNITY WORKERS SETTING UP THE "STOREFRONT" LIBRARY.

officers, boards AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
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ELECTED OFFICIALS

As of September 1997

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL

George A. Rief, <i>Chair</i>	23 Edgerly Garrison Rd.	868-2551	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Pro Tem</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Dale L. "Pete" Chinburg	32 Woodridge Rd.	868-2381	3 Yrs	3/2000	Elected
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Vi B. McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	3 Yrs	3/2000	Elected
Walter Rous	64 Adams Point Rd.	868-7030	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Patricia Samuels	207 Packers Falls Rd.	659-2671	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Malcolm Sandberg	15 Langley Rd.	868-5211	3 Yrs	3/2000	Elected
Edward Valena	Durham Point Rd.	868-2174	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

Terry Farish, <i>Director</i>	P.O. Box 954	868-6699	N/A	N/A	Library Trustees
Hours: Tue - 12:00-8:00 PM Thu - 9:00 AM-5:00 PM					

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Carol Lincoln, <i>V. Chair</i>	12 Littlehale Rd.	868-7254	1 Yr	03/98	Council
John Aber, <i>Secretary</i>	4 Sumac Ln.	868-2818	1 Yr	03/98	Council
Dale Leland Eichorn, <i>Treas.</i>	196 Piscataqua Rd.	742-7465	1 Yr	03/98	Council
Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	1 Yr	03/98	Council
John Farrell	8 Little John Rd.	659-7605	1 Yr	03/98	Council
Ruth Schondelmeier	12 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-2122	1 Yr	03/98	Council
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Rd.	659-5936	1 Yr	03/98	Council

MODERATOR

Michael H. Everngam	49 Emerson Rd.	868-5765	2 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Shirley Thompson (<i>Asst. Moderator</i>)	48 Bagdad Rd.	868-5138	2 Yrs	3/98	Appointed

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Elisabeth Vail Maurice, (<i>Chair</i>)	36 Woodman Ave.	868-7447	6 Yrs	3/98	Elected
Joyce Sheffield (<i>Replaced R. Gilmore</i>)	18 Littlehale Rd.	868-1882	6 Yrs	3/2000	Appointed
Lynn Allen	Packers Falls Rd.	659-7340	6 Yrs	3/2002	Elected

TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Linda L. Ekdahl	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5577	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
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TOWN TREASURER

Richard Lilly	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Franklin Heald, Deputy	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	3 Yrs	3/99	Appointed

officers, boards AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS AND CEMETERY COMMITTEE					
Harold Hurd, <i>Chair</i>	13 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-5183	3 Yrs	3/99	Elected
Harold J. Schondelmeier, <i>Treasurer</i>	12 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-2122	3 Yrs	3/2000	Elected
Ruth Moore, <i>Clerk</i>	17 Bucks Hill Rd.	868-1086	3 Yrs	3/98	Elected

TOWN ADMINISTRATION

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Laurence Shaffer	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
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DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Laurence Shaffer	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
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BUSINESS MANAGER

Clara Varney	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8043	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
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DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Duane Hyde	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Joseph I. "Skip" Grady	100 Stone Quarry Dr.	868-5578	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
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FIRE CHIEF

Robert P. Wood	51 College Rd.	868-5531	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
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POLICE CHIEF

David Kurz	86 Dover Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
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DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS

Susan Bruns, <i>President</i>	P.O. Box 4, Durham	862-3674	N/A	N/A	Volunteer
Mary Davis, <i>Manager</i>	P.O. Box 4, Durham	862-3674	N/A	N/A	Volunteer

DURHAM DISTRICT COURT

Gerald Taube, <i>Justice</i>		868-2323	N/A	N/A	State
Sharon Theodore, <i>Clerk of the Court</i>		868-2323	N/A	N/A	State

HEALTH OFFICER

Richard Blakemore	4 Davis Avenue	868-2073	3 Yrs	12/98	Council/State
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KEEPER OF THE SWANS

Margery Milne	1 Garden Lane	868-2794	N/A	N/A	Council
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MAIN STREET MANAGER

Kevin Coyle	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-3322	N/A	N/A	DBA
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officers, boards AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
RABIES CONTROL OFFICER					
Susan Guthrie	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-2324	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
WELFARE OFFICER					
Clara Varney	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8043	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.
ZONING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER					
Richard Hunsberger	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-8064	N/A	N/A	Town Admin.

TOWN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

David Funk, <i>Chair</i>	123 Mill Rd.	868-7248	3 Yrs	12/98	Council
Sharon Ossenbruggen	11 Pinecrest Ln.	868-5021	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	12/98	Council
Petya Encheva	Morse Hall, UNH	862-1792	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Gary Lauten, <i>Alt.</i>	15 Cutts Rd.	868-7133	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
M. Robinson Swift, <i>Alt.</i>	18 Mill Rd.	868-5238	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Theresa Walker	RFD 3, Bennett Rd.	659-7226	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
David Langley, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Annmarie Harris, <i>PB Rep</i>	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	1 Yr	12/97	Plan. Bd.

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

James Walsh, <i>Chair</i>	30 Woodridge Rd.	868-2678	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Cynthia Hirsch	53 Newmarket Rd.	868-5473	3 Yrs	12/98	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	12/98	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	12/97	Council
William Schoonmaker	10 Mathes Ter.	868-1848	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Edward Valena, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	Durham Pt. Rd.	868-2174	1 Yr	12/97	Council
VACANT, <i>Plan Brd Rep</i>			1 Yr	12/97	Plan. Bd.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Richard Dewing, <i>Chair</i>	3 Willey Rd.	868-7523	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
David Bucciero	20 Shearwater St.	868-3774	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Thomas Christie	201 Dame Road	659-0128	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
John Churchill	4 Briarwood Ln.	868-2616	3 Yrs	12/98	Council
VACANT			3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Lewis Newsky	221 Dame Rd.	659-3288	3 Yrs	12/98	Council
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	1 Yr	12/97	Council

PLANNING BOARD

Edward McNitt, <i>Chair</i>	P.O. Box 577	868-1842	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Homer Chalifoux	8 Bayview Rd.	868-2769	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Annmarie Harris	56 Oyster River Rd.	868-5182	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Suzanne Loder	24 Mast Rd.	868-7532	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Peter Smith	P.O. Box 136	868-7500	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Neil Wylie	117 Madbury Rd.	868-7345	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	12/98	Council

officers, boards AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
Planning Board (continued)					
William Cote, <i>Alt.</i>	21 Littlehale Rd.	868-7599	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
John Leland, <i>Alt.</i>	184 Piscataqua Rd.	743-6912	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Alex Auty, <i>Alt.</i>	32 Colony Cove Rd	868-6468	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Walter Cheney, <i>Alt.</i>	575 Bay Rd.	868-3550	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Walter Rous, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	64 Adams Point Rd	868-7030	1 Yr	12/97	Council
David Langley, <i>Alt Cnl Rep</i>	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	1 Yr	12/97	Council

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS (COUNCIL REPS.)

Bruce Bragdon	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Patricia Samuels	207 Pack. Falls Rd.	659-2671	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Edward Valena	Durham Point Rd.	868-2174	1 Yr	12/97	Council

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

William Drapeau, <i>Chair</i>	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	3 Yrs	12/98	Council
William H. Annis	47 Oyster River Rd	868-2426	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Mark Sternberger	21 Ross Rd.	659-4930	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Hans Heilbronner	51 Mill Pond Rd	868-2440	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Annette Tischler	36 Oyster River Rd.	868-5810	3 Yrs	12/97	Council
Karyn Krause-Elmslie, <i>Alt.</i>	70 Mill Rd.	868-6827	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
Rebecca Worcester, <i>Alt.</i>	21 Davis Ave.	868-2204	3 Yrs	12/99	Council
VACANT, <i>Alt.</i>			3 Yrs	12/98	Council

APPOINTED COMMITTEES

CCE-STEP COALITION

David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Vi B. McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Patricia Samuels	207 Pack. Falls Rd.	659-2671	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Malcolm Sandberg	15 Langley Rd.	868-5211	1 Yr	12/97	Council

CHAIN COMMITTEE

Edward Valena	Durham Point Rd.	868-2174	1 Yr	12/97	Council
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COAST BUS SERVICE

Joe E. Follansbee, <i>Executive Director</i>	UNH Transportation	862-1931	N/A	N/A	C.O.A.S.T.
Laurence Shaffer, <i>T.A.</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER POLICY COMMITTEE

Clara Varney, <i>Business Mgr.</i>		868-5571	N/A	N/A	Council
David Kurz, <i>Police Chief</i>		868-2324	N/A	N/A	Council
Robert Wood, <i>Fire Chief</i>		868-5531	N/A	N/A	Council
Roger Beaudoin, <i>UNH Police Chief</i>		862-1427	N/A	N/A	UNH
Gregg Sanborn, <i>UNH Exec. Asst. to the President</i>		862-2450	N/A	N/A	UNH
Suzanne Bennett, <i>UNH Maintenance Director</i>		862-3937	N/A	N/A	UNH

officers, boards AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
DURHAM BUSINESS PARK					
Pete Chinburg	32 Woodridge Rd.	868-2381	1 Yr	12/97	Council
David Langley	50 Langley Rd.	868-5650	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Vi B. McNeill	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Walter Rous	64 Adams Point Rd	868-7030	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Patricia Samuels	207 Pack. Falls Rd.	659-2671	1 Yr	12/97	Council
W. Arthur Grant, <i>Citz. Rep</i>	Box 598, Mast Rd.	868-5356	1 Yr	12/97	Council

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Alex Auty	32 Colony Cove Rd.	Unlisted	N/A	N/A	Council
Homer Chalifoux	8 Bay View Rd.	868-2769	N/A	N/A	Council
Charles Cressy	13 Surrey Ln.	659-4750	N/A	N/A	Council
David Garvey	P.O. Box 935	659-3519	N/A	N/A	Council
Don Gray	80 Longmarsh Rd.	868-2731	N/A	N/A	Council
William J. Healy	6 Woodridge Rd.	868-5595	N/A	N/A	Council
David J. Murphy	283 Durham Pt. Rd.	868-1809	N/A	N/A	Council
Kenneth Young	48 Main St.	868-2688	N/A	N/A	Council
Vi B. McNeill, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Malcolm Sandberg, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	15 Langley Rd.	868-5211	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	1 Yr	12/97	Council

LAMPREY RIVER MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Richard Dewing	3 Willey Rd.	868-7523	3 Yrs	6/97	State
David Funk	123 Mill Rd.	868-7248	3 Yrs	6/97	State
Theresa Walker	RFD 3, Bennett Rd.	659-7226	3 Yrs	6/97	State
Richard Lord	85 Bennett Rd.	659-2721	3 Yrs	6/97	State
Judith Spang	55 Wiswall Rd.	659-5936	3 Yrs	6/97	State

MEMORIAL PARK COMMITTEE

Mark Henderson	171 Madbury Rd. Madbury NH 03820	749-3791	N/A		Council
Dorene Higgins	10 Laurel Ln.	868-7121	N/A		Council
William Schoonmaker	P.O. Box 863	868-1848	N/A		Council
Alma Tirrell	14 Mill Rd.	868-2700	N/A		Council
Dorothy True	21 Park Ct.	868-2665	N/A		Council
Roberta Woodburn	6 Cormorant Cir.	868-3618	N/A		Council
Walter Rous, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	64 Adams Point Rd	868-7030	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Edward Valena, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	Durham Point Rd.	868-2174	1 Yr	12/97	Council

PDA NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE

Malcolm R. McNeill, Jr.	44 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5859	3 Yrs	12/00	Council
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RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joan Drapeau	4 Sullivan Falls	659-7992	N/A	N/A	Council
Kate Glanz	25 Orchard Dr.	868-5398	N/A	N/A	Council
Anne Loomis	367 Durham Pt Rd	868-7584	N/A	N/A	Council
Catharina B. de Jong	24 Garden Ln.	868-5616	N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council
VACANT			N/A	N/A	Council

officers, boards AND COMMITTEES

OFFICIAL/BOARD	ADDRESS	PHONE	TERM	TERM EXPIRES	APPT AUTH.
RENTAL HOUSING COMMISSION					
Paul Berton, <i>DLA Rep.</i>	482 Broad St., Portsmouth 03801	431-0068	N / / A	N / A	DLA
Eric Chinburg, <i>DLA Rep</i> VACANT, <i>Prop. Owner</i>	6 Newmarket Rd.	868-5595	N / A	N / A	DLA
Jay Gooze, <i>Prop. Owner</i> VACANT, <i>Tenant Rep.</i>	9 Meadow Rd.	868-2497	N / A	N / A	Council
Heidi Kendall, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Alexander, Rm 119,	868-1234	N / A	N / A	UNH
Leila Moore, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Student Affairs Ofc.	862-2053	N / A	N / A	UNH
Barbara Paiton, <i>UNH Rep.</i>	Dir. of Housing, UNH	862-2120	N / A	N / A	UNH
Bruce Bragdon, <i>Cncl Rep.</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	1 Yr	12/97	Council

STRAFFORD REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (MPO POLICY)

Edward McNitt	P.O. Box 577	868-1842	4 Yrs	12/98	Council
George Rief, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	23 Edgerly Garrison Rd.	868-2551	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Neil Wylie, <i>Pln Brd Rep</i>	117 Madbury Rd.	868-7345	1 Yr	12/97	Plan Brd

SMPO TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Duane Hyde, <i>Director of Planning and Community Development</i>	15 Newmarket Rd.	868-5578	1 Yr	12/97	Council
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WATER, WASTEWATER & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Bruce Bragdon, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	7 Colony Cove Rd.	868-5435	1 Yr	12/97	Council
Pete Chinburg, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	32 Woodridge Rd.	868-2381	1 Yr	12/97	Council
George Rief, <i>Cncl Rep</i>	23 Edgerly Garrison Rd.	868-2551	1 Yr	12/97	Council
W. Arthur Grant, <i>Citz Rep</i>	261 Mast Rd.	868-5356	1 Yr	12/97	Council



LIBRARY DIRECTOR TERRY FARISH ASSISTS A CITIZEN
AT THE TOWN OF DURHAM'S PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCATED AT
THE MILL PLAZA. Photo Courtesy of Joan Drapeau

DURHAM TOWN COUNCIL



George A. Rief, Chair
Term 3/95-3/98



Bruce Bragdon, Chair Pro Tem
Term 3/96-3/99

Photo courtesy of Foster's Daily Democrat



Dale L. "Pete" Chinburg
Term 3/97-3/00



David Langley
Term 3/97-3/99

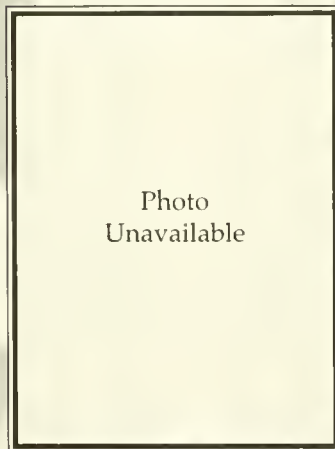


Vi B. McNeill
Term 3/97-3/00

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Walter Rous
Term 3/96-3/98

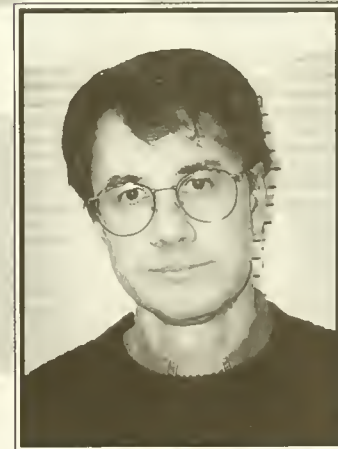


Patricia Samuels
Term 3/97-3/98



Malcom Sandberg
Term 3/97-3/00

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Edward Valena
Term 3/96-3/99

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executive SUMMARY

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

The year 1997, was, in many ways, a year of change for the Town of Durham. In 1997 the Town Council focused on improving town government and the implementing of projects. With the dedication of the new police station on July 2, 1997, the town culminated more than a year of hard work by the town staff, police department, and contractors to move the concept of renovating the existing building to the reality of a modern, efficient police headquarters facility. The new facility includes a community meeting room named in honor of former Durham Police Chief Ray I. Burrows.

Next on the list of accomplishments is the dedication of the new Durham Public Library on July 21, 1997. The ceremony marked the fulfillment of a concept proposed over two years ago, and overwhelmingly supported by town citizens, whereby the long-standing concept of the University of New Hampshire and the Town of Durham shared library ended. The resulting new Durham Public Library has evolved to serve the specific needs of the town citizens, while allowing them to maintain access to the UNH Library. The Library Board



GEORGE A. RIEF, COUNCIL CHAIR

of Trustees has made significant progress during its first year, including successfully opening the Durham Town Library within the town budget allocation.

The new Public Works Facility, located at One Hundred Stone Quarry Drive was dedicated September 27, 1997. Several years of planning, public comment, and discussion between town staff and the Town Council culminated in the construction of the new facility, and achieved the goal to provide a modern, efficient facility for the Public Works Department. The future use of the former Public Works site will be addressed during the coming year.

Town staff and the council developed a strong "team" working relationship during the year which enhanced our ability to review and discuss town policy issues. Challenging issues included proposed amendments to the Town

Charter, adoption of the Durham Town Code approving the Capital Improvements Plan (1998-2003), and the 1998 Town Operating Budget. Deliberation on the Capital Improvements Plan and the 1998 Operating Budget was successfully completed after considerable public input and many long hours of hard work by town staff and the council. Recommended revisions to the town charter have been forwarded to the Town Clerk for inclusion on the March 1998 election ballot. It is anticipated that continued discussion of the draft Durham Town Code, including active participation by town citizens during scheduled public hearings, will result in adoption of the code by the council.

All of the outward signs of progress serve to underscore the less obvious changes occurring within the Town of Durham. The significant community development involvement in the preparation of the Town of Durham Community Plan created a renewed vision for the town as we approach the end of one millenium and enter the new era. In a world of change, attempts to ignore change will surely result in significant deterioration of the quality of life within our community. The Town of Durham is a dynamic community that offers a unique blend of the past and the future. The character of the town will be maintained and

enhanced through creative planning and a proactive attitude toward the future.

A significant component of the Durham Community Development Plan is the sense of community. In striving for a renewed sense of community, the town will benefit from the reality of the emergence of the Town of Durham as an entity independent in many ways from UNH. The process of establishing a strong working relationship with the university will also serve to strengthen Durham's sense of community.

Public involvement in the process of determining the future of the town is critical to the successful implementation of the goals and objectives adopted by the town. The Planning Board will be challenged to achieve the proposed Town Master Plan update and address future growth and development while maintaining the character of the town. Many of the issues currently confronting the Town Council will be outlined during the March Informational Town Meeting, with the intent of providing information and obtaining public input on all issues before making decisions on behalf of the town in the coming year.

- GEORGE A. RIEF
COUNCIL CHAIR

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

It was a year of achievements, new beginnings, and grand openings for the Town of Durham.

The Department of Public Works conducted the grand opening of its new facility on September 27, 1997. Located at One Hundred Stone Quarry Drive, off Route 108/Dover Road, the new facility will bring increased efficiency and effectiveness to the Department of Public Works.

The Police Department opened the new police station on July 2, 1997 at Eighty-Six Dover Road. This former office building was a perfect match for the community's police needs.

The Library Board of Trustees conducted an open house at the Mill Plaza for the exciting new Durham Public Library. The demand and use of the new library has been astounding. I hope that Town residents have a chance to view these new facilities. Please contact the respective departments if you would like a tour.

The Three Chimney's Inn (formerly known as the Frost-Sawyer Homestead) opened their magnificent bed and breakfast and restaurant in December. Without a doubt, this landmark facility will quickly become a source of pride and joy to the community.



LAURENCE SHAFFER, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Main Street Program Grant application was successful and the partnership among the Town of Durham, The University of New Hampshire and the Durham Business Association is well on the way towards realizing its goal of an enhanced Main Street district.

The Town will take a different direction with its recreation effort in 1998. With the elimination of the position of Recreation Advocate, the Town of Durham and the Oyster River Youth Association (ORYA) are presently discussing opportunities to collaborate to bring additional recreation services to Durham, such as adult basketball and volleyball. I have also encouraged the ORYA to work with the Durham Police Department's DARE Program to bring the anti-substance abuse message to our young people through a summer youth dance series at the ORYA Skating Rink.

The Summer Concert Series downtown was a big success and I continue to support this effort. I have asked Kevin Coyle and the Main Street Program to promote the Summer Downtown Concert Series for 1998 even though construction in 1998 may force a change in current location.

The Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire continue to work very hard to pursue policies and programs of mutual benefit. In 1997, the Town and the University worked on the environmental remediation and reuse of the Craig Supply property located adjacent to the Whittemore Center. The Town and the University are cooperating on a mutual program to collect, transport and market recycled mixed paper. The Town and the University worked diligently towards adopting policies and procedures to address the threat of civil disturbance by large groups of young people. The Town and the University continue to cooperate on a host of issues such as police services, water conservation, and Main Street paving.

Nineteen ninety-eight will be a challenging year. The Town staff continues to search for opportunities to expand the tax base without expanding the need and cost of public services. I am committed to working closely with the Economic Development Committee in order to create mechanisms that will stimulate appropriate

growth without the cost of additional services. Further, I remain committed to placing a firm in the Durham Business Park that will bring needed taxable assessments to the community.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication, initiative and creativity of the Town of Durham staff. Without them, any success I may have would not be possible. All of us look forward to serving you in 1998.

- LAURENCE SHAFFER
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1997 ORDINANCES

NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
97-01(A)	An ordinance modifying the unified elderly exemption	Passed	03/03/97
97-02(A)	An ordinance adopting the totally and permanently disabled exemption	Passed	03/03/97
97-03	An ordinance amending Article 7, Sections 7-1 and 7-8.2C of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	03/03/97
97-04(A)	An ordinance indemnifying Town employees and officials pursuant to NH RSA 31:105	Passed	05/19/97
97-05	An ordinance authorizing Durham Public Library Board of Trustees to accept personal property	Passed	05/19/97
97-06	An ordinance authorizing Durham Public Library Board of Trustees to accept and expend unanticipated money	Passed	05/19/97
97-07	An ordinance establishing no parking on Bucks Hill Road	Passed	07/07/97
97-08	An ordinance establishing no parking on Edgewood Road	Passed	07/07/97
97-09	An ordinance amending Article 1, Section 1-3 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	07/07/97
97-10(A)	An ordinance adopting the 1994 edition of the NFPA Life Safety Code in order to establish requirements that will provide a reasonable degree of safety from fire, smoke, and other hazards in buildings and structures in the Town of Durham	Passed	07/07/97
97-11(A)	An ordinance adopting the 1992 edition of the NFPA Fire Prevention Code establishing the minimum regulations governing the safeguards of life and property from the hazards of fire and explosion arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices; and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the use occupancy of buildings or premises	Passed	07/07/97
97-12	An emergency ordinance imposing a moratorium upon acceptance and processing of applications and issuance of permits for the construction of personal, wireless telecommunications (PCS) service facilities	Defeated	06/02/97
97-13	An ordinance amending Article 4, Section 4-6 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	06/28/97
97-14	An ordinance amending Articles 1,2,4 and 12 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Tabled	08/08/97
97-15	An ordinance authorizing parking meters for a designated section of Main Street	Passed	09/08/97
97-16	An ordinance establishing no parking on Davis Avenue	Passed	09/08/97

NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
97-17(B)	An ordinance restricting parking to residents only in the Faculty neighborhood	Passed	11/03/97
97-18	An ordinance amending Articles 1 and 4 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	12/01/97
97-19	An ordinance amending Article 2 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	12/01/97
97-20	An ordinance amending Article 12 of the Town of Durham Zoning Ordinance	Passed	12/01/97

1997 RESOLUTIONS

NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
97-01(A)	A resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to enter into an option agreement and a PCS Site Agreement with Sprint Spectrum	Passed	01/21/97
97-03	A resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to file a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for the 404 Hazard Mitigation Program	Passed	02/03/97
97-04	A resolution authorizing the issuance of four million five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000.00) in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	02/17/97
97-05	A resolution establishing compensation for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector for Fiscal Year 1997	Passed	03/03/97
97-06	A resolution appropriating funds to support the New Hampshire Main Street Application Durham Business Association (DBA)	Passed	03/03/97
97-07	A resolution appropriating funds to acquire water rescue equipment	Passed	04/07/97
97-08	A resolution authorizing the Town Administrator to submit an FY97 Historic Preservation Grant in an amount not to exceed \$1,300.00	Passed	04/07/97
97-09	A resolution amending the Library Services Expendable Trust Fund created by Resolution #96-16(A)	Passed	05/05/97
97-10	A resolution transferring all funds in the Library Services Expendable Trust Fund to the Town of Durham Board of Library Trustees	Passed	05/05/97
97-11	A resolution permitting the Durham Public Library Board of Trustees to retain money from income-generating equipment	Passed	06/16/97
97-12	A resolution recognizing the many achievements of the young men and women of the Oyster River Cooperative School District for the 1996/97 school year	Passed	06/16/97
97-13	A resolution authorizing the Town of Durham to participate in the New Hampshire Municipal Aggregation Plan (hereinafter known as the NHMA Plan)	Passed	07/07/97

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NUMBER	TITLE	ACTION	DATE
97-14	A resolution naming The Public Works access road "Stone Quarry Drive"	Passed	07/07/97
97-15	A resolution authorizing the issuance of long-term bonds or notes not to exceed three hundred forty thousand five hundred dollars (\$340,500.00) for the purpose of purchasing equipment, upgrading water lines, and construction of the Public Works facility	Passed	09/08/97
97-16	A resolution authorizing the issuance of refunding bonds	Passed	09/08/97
97-17(A)	A resolution amending the 1997 Budget for the purpose of utilizing a portion of the 1996 Undesignated General Fund balance in the amount of thirty-four thousand seven hundred and ninety dollars (34,790.00) for the purpose of hiring a Telecommunications Consultant	Passed	08/04/97
97-18	A resolution amending Resolution #94-08 Renaming the Community Development Reserve Fund	Passed	09/08/97
97-19	A resolution rescinding Resolution #97-06 and appropriating \$60,877.00 from the Community Development Expendable Trust Fund to fund not to exceed one-third (1/3) of the New Hampshire Main Street Program	Passed	10/06/97
97-20	A resolution recognizing Officer Thomas Dronsfield for an heroic act	Passed	10/20/97
97-21	A resolution authorizing the issuance of one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) in Tax Anticipation Notes	Passed	11/03/97
97-23	A resolution creating the Lois E. Brown-Wagon Hill Farm Expendable Trust Fund	Passed	12/01/97
97-24	Town Council Approval of 1998 General Fund Budget	Passed	12/22/97
97-25	Town Council Approval of 1998 Water Fund Budget	Passed	12/22/97
97-26	Town Council Approval of 1998 Sewer Fund Budget	Passed	12/22/97
97-27	Town Council Approval of 1998 Capital Fund Budget	Passed	12/22/97
97-28	Town Council Approval of 1998 Parking Fund Budget	Passed	12/22/97
97-29	Town Council Approval of 1998 Vehicle Fund Budget	Passed	12/22/97
97-30	A Resolution Creating the Fire Station Expendable Trust Fund	Passed	12/22/97

BUSINESS MANAGER

The Finance Department has moved!—and we love it! Our new offices are in the upstairs of the old police department. The assessing division has moved downstairs to be more accessible to the public. The move provides us with a separate central work area for printers and the copier and individual offices for each employee. The setup is quieter and more efficient and allows us to have longer uninterrupted work periods.



CLARA VARNEY, BUSINESS MANAGER

This year has been filled with negotiations as all four association contracts were expired or about to be expired by year end. A great deal of time

was also devoted to health insurance as the town was notified in January of a 61% increase in the most utilized plan.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Clean Audit - No Management Letter!
- Refinanced the 1989 Bond and reduced the total cost of the bond by \$97,116.
- Connected all departments to the Town network system and established a Web Page.
- Purchased a new telephone system.
- Auctioned old, outdated equipment and cars.

1998 GOALS

- Complete the computer network system.
- Continue to have a CLEAN Audit.
- Establish assessing as its own department.
- Provide efficient, friendly service to everyone.

— CLARA VARNEY,
BUSINESS MANAGER

A SPECTACULAR SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY PARTY WAS CELEBRATED BY THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART ON JULY 30. THE UNH OUTDOOR POOL'S LONG HISTORY OF RECREATION TO THE DURHAM COMMUNITY WAS COMMEMORATED WITH A 1930'S STYLE POT LUCK SUPPER, CAKE, WATER ACTIVITIES, AND LOTS OF NEIGHBORLY REMINISCING JAZZ ENTERTAINMENT WAS PROVIDED BY MARC LAFORCE AND JIM BUTKA
BELOW: LYNN ALLEN SERVES UP POOL CAKE TO HUNGRY SWIMMERS. Photo courtesy of Larry Flint



MINUTES OF THE 1997 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 12, 1997

OYSTER RIVER HIGH
SCHOOL CAFETERIA,
7:00 PM

Council

Members Present:

William J. Healy, Jr.,
Chairman; Walter Rous,
George Rief, Patricia
Samuels, W. Arthur Grant,
John Aber, Edward Valena,
D.L. (Pete) Chinburg, Bruce
Bragdon, and new mem-
bers Vi B. McNeill,
Malcolm Sandberg, and
David Langley.

Council

Members Absent

None.

Also Present:

Laurence Shaffer, Town
Administrator.

Moderator:

Michael Everngam.

The 1997
Informational
Town Meeting
was called to order at 7:00
p.m. by Moderator Michael
Everngam. There were
approximately 50 people in
attendance.

Mr. Everngam
introduced the current
Town Council members and
the newly elected members.

Mr. Everngam then
announced the results of
the Charter Amendment
vote calling for the forma-
tion of a Library Board of
Trustees: 741 affirmative,
379 against.

Mr. Everngam
introduced William J. Healy,
outgoing Chairman for the
Town Council. Mr. Healy
spoke on the state of the
Town of Durham, and he
made some personal notes
of appreciation to the Town
Council, the Town Staff,
and the citizens of Durham.

Laurence Shaffer,
Town Administrator, spoke
of Durham's past achieve-
ments and the opportunities
for future enhancements. Mr.
Shaffer then introduced
George Rief to present gifts
to the outgoing Town
Council members, William J.
Healy and John Aber.

Council member Ed
Valena presented gifts to
Mr. Healy and Mr. Aber
also in appreciation of their
dedication and commitment
to the Town of Durham.

Other performance
certificates were awarded to
employees and outgoing
Council members as follows:

W. Arthur Grant for filling
the vacated town council
position held by Frank Pilar,
John Aber for his service on
the Town Council, Frank
Pilar for his service on the
Town Council, Ralph Bristol
for his service on the Town
Council, Charlton Dill for
10 years of dedicated service
to the Public Works
Department, Paula Flanders
for her service on behalf of
the Parks and Recreation
Committee, Robert Wood
for his poem which heads
Durham's Web Page, Brian
Murray for five years dedi-
cated service to the Fire
Department, Mike Hoffman
for ten years dedicated ser-
vice to the Fire Department,
Mike Hoffman for Firefight-
er of the Year by his peers,
and William Burns for
Firefighter of the Year 1996.

Mr. Shaffer gave a
brief informative report,
and stated that information
booths by various depart-
ments could be viewed

after the meeting. Mr.
Shaffer concluded his
report with warm thanks to
all department heads for
their support, the employ-
ees of Durham and the
Town Council, and the citi-
zens of Durham for giving
him such a warm welcome.

David Funk,
the Conversation
Commission Chairman,
presented the conservation
award to Judith Spang and
Sharon Meeker. This year's
conversation awards were
prints of courting spotted
turtles from a watercolor by
David Carroll.

Brief reports were
given by the Chairs of vari-
ous Town boards, commit-
tees and commissions and
are contained within the
1996 Town Report.

- MICHELLE FOSTER,
MINUTE TAKER

COUNCILOR (THREE YEARS)		WRITE-INS
D. L. (Pete) Chinburg	660	
Malcolm Sandberg	572	
Vi B. McNeill	543	
John Farrell	535	
Thomas Christie	333	
COUNCILOR (TWO YEARS)		WRITE-INS
David Langley	798	
COUNCILOR (ONE YEAR)		WRITE-INS
Patricia Samuels	875	
TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND		WRITE-INS
Harold Schondelmeier	798	

general GOVERNMENT

TOWN ASSESSOR

The Assessor's Office has moved to the first floor of the Town Hall in the Assessing, Planning, and Zoning office area. For information regarding assessments, tax exemptions, tax credits, abatement requests, Current Use, timber cutting, tax map and legal ownership information, you may contact the Assessing Office via telephone: 603-868-8065, e-mail: assessing@ci.durham.nh.us or by visiting us at the Town Office.

During 1997, our town wide taxable valuation (commonly referred to as the tax base) increased from \$321,488,104 to \$329,822,470. While there was no increase to the commercial/industrial portion of the tax base, the residen-



DONNA LANGLEY, TOWN ASSESSOR

tial assessment increased by approximately 5.4 million dollars and the utility assessment increased by approximately 3.2 million dollars.

Our residential assessment increase is due largely in part to the high number of housing starts, as referred to in the report of the Zoning and Code Enforcement Officer. Our utility assessment increase, which was higher than normal this year, resulted from the introduction of natural gas lines to Durham and the reappraisal of electric utilities.

For information regarding our 1991 - 1997 valuation and tax history, including a breakdown of the Town, School District and County tax rates, please refer to the Budget and Finance section of this Town Report.

MRS. BEVERLY BURROWS, WIFE OF FORMER POLICE CHIEF RAY I. BURROWS, CUTS THE RIBBON AT THE DEDICATION FOR THE NEW POLICE FACILITY HELD ON JULY 2, 1997.
Photo courtesy of Barry Carr.



Our goal for 1998 is to complete our database conversion to an "in house" Computerized Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) program. This will lead to our first annual town-wide assessment review and index update, projected for 1999. With annual index updates, assessments will maintain equity from year to year. Large shifts in assessments, resulting from assessment updates spread out over 5 or 10 year intervals, will be minimized.

I am sensitive to the ever increasing burden of property taxes we face. There are several tax relief programs available for qualified persons or properties, including: Exemptions/Tax Credits for the Blind, Elderly, Veterans, Totally Disabled and Physically Handicapped; Exemptions for Solar Energy Systems; Tax Deferrals for Elderly and Disabled; Current Use Assessments; and Abatement Requests. Please don't hesitate to contact me for more information.

- DONNA LANGLEY
TOWN ASSESSOR



LINDA EKDAHL,
TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR

TOWN CLERK

FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
12/31/97

Auto Registrations	\$581,142.50
Title Applications.....	2,146.00
Municipal Agent Fees	9,707.50
Marriage Licenses ..	1,305.00
Vital Statistics Copies..	848.00
U.C.C. Recording Fees	1,058.00
U.C.C. Termination Fees.....	60.00
Dog Licenses.....	4,884.50
Miscellaneous	479.00
Total	\$601,630.50
Autos Registered.....	5,919
Dogs Licensed	657

- LINDA EKDAHL
TOWN CLERK

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1997

	1997	1996	1989
UNCOLLECTED TAXES (as of January 1, 1997):			
Property Taxes	0	\$1,303,882.55	\$11,187.84
TAXES COMMITTED TO COLLECTOR:			
Property Taxes	\$11,951,049.00	0	0
Land Use Change	24,537.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	4,592.80	0	0
Boat Taxes	123.98	0	0
Overpayments:			
Property Taxes	13,073.13	2,883.58	0
Interest Collected	2,232.46	55,231.50	0
TOTAL Debits	\$11,995,608.37	\$1,361,997.63	\$11,187.84
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER DURING FISCAL YEAR:			
Property Taxes	\$10,869,414.26	\$1,302,763.03	\$0
Land Use Change Taxes	20,037.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	1,855.46	0	0
Boat Taxes	123.98	0	0
Interest Collected	2,232.46	55,231.50	0
ABATEMENTS MADE DURING YEAR			
Property Taxes	\$0	\$3,204.10	\$0
Current Levy Deeded	850.00	799.00	0
UNCOLLECTED TAXES, AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1997			
Property Taxes	\$1,093,857.87	\$0	\$11,187.84
Land Use Change Taxes	4,500.00	0	0
Yield Taxes	2,737.34	0	0
TOTAL Credits	\$11,995,608.37	\$1,361,997.63	\$11,187.84

UNREDEEMED TAX LIENS

	1996	1995	1994	1993 & PRIOR
Balance of Unredeemed Liens (as of 1/1/97)	\$0	\$291,521.77	\$93,142.80	\$144,777.88
Tax Liens Executed During Year	482,114.45	0	0	0
Interest & Costs After Lien	10,271.88	30,378.11	19,681.65	12,179.27
Overpayments Made During Year	0	0	0	0
TOTAL Debits	\$492,386.33	\$321,899.88	\$112,824.45	\$156,957.15
REMITTANCES TO TREASURER:				
Tax Lien Redemptions	\$321,703.99	\$197,383.21	\$53,874.65	\$15,311.65
Interests & Costs After Lien	10,271.88	30,378.11	19,681.65	12,179.27
Abatements Made During Year	0	3,049.60	0	0
Tax Liens Deeded to Town	0	901.51	815.18	3,644.87
Unredeemed Liens (as of 12/31/97)	160,410.46	90,187.45	38,452.97	125,821.36
TOTAL Credits	\$492,386.33	\$321,899.88	\$112,824.45	\$156,957.15

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The department continued in a state of transition during 1997, as it did in 1996. The year started with Steve Burns, the Executive Director of the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, serving as the interim Director of Planning. Steve Burns was relieved of his interim duties when I was hired in mid-February as the full-time Director of Planning and Community Development. The work and dedication by Steve during his tenure was greatly appreciated and he made my transition a smooth one.

The changes to the department continued in 1997 when the Department of Public Works moved from the office space it shared with the Department of Planning and Community Development and the Zoning Administrator /Code Enforcement Officer. This move provided the office with an opportunity to review its operations and layout. To this end, dramatic changes were made to the office to improve its functionality and our ability to provide improved customer service. The office reorganization also included the addition of the Town Assessor so that we now have a "one-stop shopping"



DUANE HYDE, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

office suite for land use issues in Town. The office suite now includes the following areas: Planning & Community Development, Zoning & Code Enforcement, and Assessing.

Change continued in the office with the resignation of Janet Glazier, who served as the office secretary for over four and a half years. Janet's commitment and knowledge of the office's activities was appreciated by all. The office suite is now served by a single secretary, Deborah Quisumbing, who has quickly learned the ins and outs of the office and her hard work and diligence is greatly appreciated.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This has been a very busy year for the Department of Planning and Community Development and 1998 is shaping up to be just as, if not more, busy than 1997. In addition to the staff support provid-

ed to the Planning Board for the applications it reviews, the following is a synopsis of some of the other activities conducted by the Department this year:

- Worked with the Durham Business Association, community, and University of New Hampshire in the submission of a New Hampshire Main Street Program Application. The hard work paid off with the Town being selected as one of the three Main Street Communities for 1997. The Main Street Program will require the effort of the entire Town over the next three years to focus on improving the downtown through the four-point approach that is part of the Main Street Program.

- Completed a successful grant application to the Department of Historic Resources' Certified Local Government Program. The grant provides the Town with an additional \$1,300 for the review of the Frost-Sawyer Homestead conversion to the Three Chimneys Inn.

- Worked with a consultant, the Planning Board, and members of the community on a study of how the Town will address the locating and siting of personal wireless service facilities. Based on this study the Planning Board has drafted amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Site Plan Review Regulations to establish

requirements for these facilities. In early 1998, the Town Council will be reviewing the changes to the Ordinance recommended by the Planning Board.

- Completed an Enhancement Grant Application to the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization in the amount of \$284,400 for the construction of bike lanes on Mast Road from Main Street to the Lee town line.

- Served as the Chair to the Technical Review Committee that reviews minor site plans referred to it by the Planning Board. The Committee reviewed six site plans in 1997, four of which were approved. One application was withdrawn and another is still under review.

- Worked with the Planning Board on several amendments to the Zoning Ordinance that included amendments to the definitions for fraternities and sororities, the sign ordinance, technical review committee procedures, permitted uses in various zoning districts, and the flood hazard overlay district.

- Attended meetings and provided technical comments to the University of New Hampshire on its proposed Loop Road project. This project will continue into 1998.

- Participated in a committee that is considering approaches to cleanup the contaminated Craig

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PLANNING, CONTINUED

Supply Property so that it can become a productive tax paying property again.

- Worked with the Town Administrator in discussions with potential developers of the Durham Business Park.

- Worked with Strafford Regional Planning Commission and an ad-hoc Bicycle Committee in the locating of several bike improvements throughout Durham.

1998 GOALS

- Complete an application to the New Hampshire Coastal Program for fifty percent funding of the Durham Master Plan project.

- Work with the Planning Board and the Town's citizens in the update of the Master Plan.

- Update the Fee Schedule for applications.

- Using community input, implement the downtown bike improvements and the Wagon Track bike trail.

- Review the construction plans for the Route 108 and Main Street intersection with other Departments, Boards, and Committees to ensure the Town's best interest is served.

- Continue to reorganize the office for improved customer service.

- Complete a successful application for funding for an Environmental

Assessment and Remedial Action Plan for the Craig Supply Property.

- Work with the other Departments and the residents of Cedar Point to address water and sewer issues in that area of Town.

In closing, I am amazed by the amount of time and effort provided by volunteers in this Town and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your commitment and efforts. You have made my transition to a new job much easier. I look forward to working with the residents of Durham in the upcoming year.

- DUANE HYDE
DIRECTOR, PLANNING
AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS & CEMETERY COMMITTEE

A total of sixteen burials were made in the Route 4 Durham Cemetery in 1997 including eight caskets and eight remains. Two lots were sold for a total of ten graves, and two remains lots were sold for a total of eight graves.

The Route 4 and Schoolhouse Lane cemeteries as well as over seventy small graveyards and tombs have been kept in good condition by Mike Lynch, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds and his able crew.

There were four weddings held in the Smith Chapel this year.

At a meeting of the Cemetery Committee held at the Smith Chapel, it was decided to have extensive masonry work done on this building due to the fact that the mortar on the outside stonework has badly deteriorated over the years. This repair work will be done in 1998.

Mr. Michael Mathes has requested permission to increase the size of the Mathes graveyard on Langley Road by purchasing a portion of the abutting property which presently contains a Mathes family crypt and a stone commem-

orating the massacre of Samuel Adams and fourteen of his fellowmen. Extensive improvements will also be made to the original Mathes graveyard which will enhance the lot as an interesting historical site. The entire project will be done at the expense of Mr. Mathes.

The trustees have transferred all trust funds to the Custodial Bank of the Public Deposit Investment Pool. The selling of part of the funds has resulted in a long-term capital gain of \$40,312.00, which amount has been added to the principal amount of our total investments.

The trustees also continue to carry out the wishes of those setting up the following trust funds:

- From the Frost Temperance Fund to the Oyster River School District for drug & alcohol education.....\$500.00.

- From the Olinthus Doe Trust Fund to the Town of Durham to defray school expenses\$500.00.

- From the Smith Town Improvement Fund to the Town of Durham for flowers for downtown beautification\$750.00.

- HAROLD C. HURD
CHAIR

PLANNING BOARD

It has been an active and challenging year for your Planning Board.

During 1997, the Planning Board considered 28 applications, of which, 26 required action by the Planning Board. Two applications (8%) were turned down and twenty-four (92%) were approved. This is an eighty-seven percent (87%) increase in the average yearly number (15) of applications submitted to the Board from 1991-1996.

In addition to the applications reviewed this year, the Board also recommended, and the Town Council adopted, five Zoning Ordinance amendments that included changes to the following: the definitions for fraternities and sororities, the sign ordinance, technical review committee procedures, permitted uses in various zoning districts, and the flood hazard overlay district.

Two major projects at the end of the year are the Sprucewoods Retirement Community on Mill Road and the enactment of zoning and site plan provisions for personal wireless service facilities. Sprucewoods will offer much needed facilities for older residents here in Durham. It also holds potential for providing additional tax revenue without increasing the number of students in the Oyster River School District.

The proposed zoning for telecommunications facilities will enable the Town to comply with federal law that requires local governments to permit locations for the telecommunications companies who serve our area, while at the same time protecting the appearance of our community through proper zoning requirements.

During 1998, if resources permit, the Planning Board hopes to update the Durham Master Plan, which was last revised in 1989, and recommend appropriate zoning changes based on this update. Two areas of particular concern to the Town are the revitalization of the downtown and the need to attract commercial enterprises that will enhance the character of the community and at the same time provide substantial net positive revenue to offset town and school costs. There will be no easy answers. Durham has limited land resources remaining for development. Changes in the Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance will require soul searching by the Board, the residents of the areas affected, and the Town as a whole.

Currently the Town Council and the Planning Board are in litigation with Sprint Spectrum over the lattice tower that was proposed at the Town Landfill on Durham Point Road. The Planning Board is also in litigation with the Durham Evangelical Church which appealed the Board's denial of an application for a major expansion of the church in the Residence B zoning district on Route 108. In a third legal case in 1997, the court upheld the Planning Board's denial of a subdivision application submitted by Slania Enterprises, Inc. for a downtown property located at the corner of Pettee Brook Road and Jenkins Court.

In February of 1997, Duane Hyde was appointed Director of Planning and Community Development, replacing Steve Burns who had served us well as the interim part-time Planner following the resignation of Rob Houseman in the Spring of 1996. Mr. Hyde's expertise and hard work have been critical in enabling the Board to meet the increase in workload during the year. The Board

congratulates Mr. Hyde on an excellent job and looks forward to working with him in 1998.

In October of 1997 Janet Glazier, the long-time minute taker for the Board's bi-monthly meetings, resigned her position with the Town. The Board wishes to thank her for her many years of outstanding service reporting accurate and detailed minutes of the Board's proceedings.

Last year also marked the resignation of two long-time Planning Board members—Dee Grant, a member of the Board since 1991, and Calvin Hosmer, Chairman, who joined the Board in 1987. The Board misses the friendship, judgment, and dedication of both of these members. The Town Council elevated two of the Board's alternates, Edward McNitt and Homer Chalifoux, to fill the vacancies caused by these resignations. The Town Council also appointed four new alternates to the Board in 1997: John Leland, William Cote, Alex Auty, and Walter Cheney.

— EDWARD MCNITT,
CHAIR, PLANNING BOARD

SUMMARY OF PLANNING BOARD APPLICATIONS 1991-97

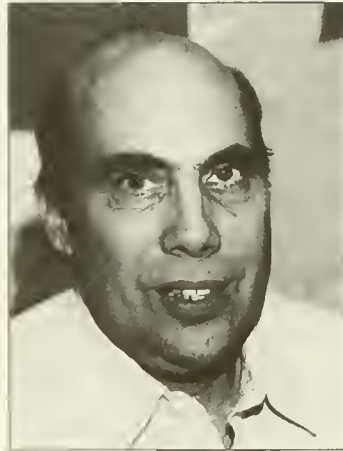
APPLICATION TYPE	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991
Subdivision	7	5	3	4	6	1	6
Site Review / Conditional Use	5	5	5	4	3	10	4
Boundary Adj. / Subdivision Mod.	5	7	7	3	6	4	5
Site Plan Review by							
Technical Review Committee *	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	28	17	15	11	15	15	15

* In previous years this item was included under the Site Review/Conditional Use Row.

ZONING & CODE ENFORCEMENT

Transition has continued in the Zoning and Building Department throughout 1997. Richard Hunsberger, completed his first year as Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcement Officer, with the Town and it was a busy one. The Building Inspector position was previously shared with the Town of Newmarket, the workload grew in both towns to a point that necessitated the need to fill both positions full-time. The number of building permits issued increased by 25% while the number of hearings held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment remained steady.

Late in 1997, the Assessor joined the office suite shared by the Departments of Planning and Zoning, and long-time department secretary, Janet Glazier, resigned her position. Deborah Quisumbing joined the department in



RICHARD HUNSBERGER,
DIRECTOR OF ZONING AND CODE
ENFORCEMENT

October as the Secretary for Planning, Zoning/Building and Assessing. The department has been working towards simplifying applications, improving efficiency with an integrated filing system, and reorganizing the layout of the office to better serve its customers.

In 1998, we plan to continue the pursuit of increased productivity and improved customer service by implementing automated processing software for building permits, code enforcement citations and zoning applications.

TOTAL PERMITS PROCESSED	1997**	1996	1995
Construction Permits	155	149	179
Permits Denied	2	0	0
Permits Withdrawn	2	10	5
Septic	55	26	52
Electric	112	119	125
Plumbing/Mechanical	127	55	48
On Hold	2	3	0
Demolition	3	2	2
Total Permits	456	364	401
<i>Value of Permits Given</i>	<i>\$8,184,613</i>	<i>\$9,325,881</i>	<i>\$8,561,744</i>
<i>Fees Collected for all Permits</i>	<i>\$31,073</i>	<i>\$25,890</i>	<i>\$33,825</i>

BREAKDOWN OF PERMITS	1997**	1996	1995
Single Family House	33	26	30
Multi-Family House	0	0	0
Additions, Renovations	97	89	119
Commercial			
(New & Renovations)	18	24	22
Demolition	3	2	2
Septic	55	26	52
Signs	9	7	8
Electrical, Plumbing & Mechanical	239	174	173
Withdrawn	2	10	5
Hold/Renewals	2	6	
Swimming Pools	3	N/A	N/A
Totals	456	364	401

***all figures are thru December 1, 1997*

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT BREAKDOWN OF HEARINGS - 1997

Variance	8
Special Exception	5
Administrative Appeal	1
Equitable Waiver	2
Re-Hearing Request	1
Total	17

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Electionally, 1997 was an "off" year. It consisted of one discussion meeting and one election for the Oyster River School District, and one Town Meeting.

Six sessions were held to register new voters, take care of changes of address, and delete voters. We've also had sessions for the purpose of trying to clean up the checklist.

Updated checklists are posted at the Town Hall and the Durham Post Office. The current supervisors and their term expiration dates are:

Elisabeth
Vail MauriceMarch 1998
Joyce Sheffield March 2000
Lynne Allen.....March 2002

After having served for 18 years I am retiring and leaving the checklist in the capable hands of Lynne Allen, who will be the new chair.

A question I've always wondered, does anyone read these?

- ELISABETH VAIL MAURICE
CHAIR

DURHAM MAIN STREET PROGRAM

The Main Street Program is an initiative of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Although not a formal part of Town Government, the Durham Main Street Program Manager will work closely with the Town, University and businesses. There are currently over 1,200 communities in 40 states using this program nationwide. The Main Street Program advocates rehabilitation of the historic character of downtowns while pursuing traditional development strategies—such as marketing, business recruitment and retention, real estate development, market analysis, and public improvements. This comprehensive revitalization program promotes historic and economic development of traditional business districts through a comprehensive and incremental approach. This methodology creates long-lasting improvements by staying away from the "quick fixes" that are sometimes seen as improvements, but are later found to be detrimental to communities.

The New Hampshire Main Street Center was established in March 1996. The New Hampshire Main Street Center is a private, not-for-profit entity that provides



KEVIN COYLE, MAIN STREET MANAGER

technical assistance and support to New Hampshire communities that establish Main Street Programs. Durham was selected as a Main Street Community in the fall of 1997, and the Main Street Manager was hired in December 1997.

The Durham Main Street Program was initiated through a partnership between the Town of Durham, the Durham Business Association, and the University of New Hampshire. The program will help stimulate the investment in and revitalization of the downtown area. The Main Street Program will encourage a return to community involvement, self-reliance, and empowerment. The program will work towards enhancing the downtown area through Organizational Development, Design Enhancements, Promotions, and Economic Restructuring.

In 1998 the Durham Main Street Program will move into high gear. The program will form citizen

committees that will develop strategies for the downtown area. Durham will begin to see the results of the committees in the appearance, promotion, and economic mix of downtown as the implementation of strategies takes place.

Community-wide support and participation are the key to the success of the Durham Main Street Program. The program encourages any citizen with an interest in the downtown area, or the Durham community in general, to take part in this program. The Durham Main Street Program will help improve the community, but it will take the entire community to truly make it a success.

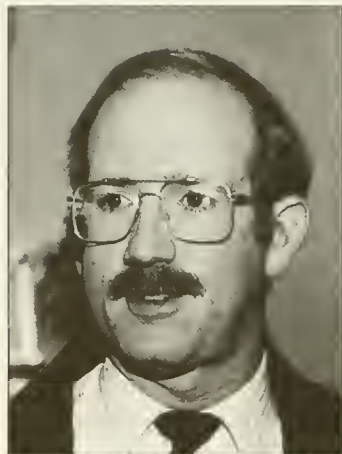
- KEVIN COYLE
MAIN STREET MANAGER

public SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Replaced Car 1 (1986 Ford) with a 1997 Ford Sedan. Reassigned 1986 Ford from Administration to Prevention Division.
- Replaced Utility 1 (1987 Chevy Suburban) with a 1997 Chevy Suburban which serves as Operations/Command unit.
- Replaced Forestry 1 (1952 Dodge) with 1985 Chevrolet pick up 3/4 ton which serves as Operations/Command unit.
- Implemented "Learn Not to Burn" Fire Safety Program in the Oyster River School District, preschool-grade 4, in cooperation with Lee and Madbury Fire Departments through a grant from Liberty Mutual Insurance Company.
- Completed Confined Space Rescue training for all personnel per NFPA/OSHA guidelines and purchased related equipment.
- Upgraded the Water/Ice Rescue program and related equipment, including training of all



ROBERT WOOD, FIRE CHIEF

personnel.

- Initiated regional agreement with S.T.A.R.T (Seacoast Technical Assistance Response Team) for Hazardous Materials incident responses. The team is affiliated with the Seacoast Chief Fire Officers Association and is based in Exeter, NH. Firefighter Paul Marcoux serves as a technician and team leader with S.T.A.R.T.

- Completed update of all running card/multiple alarm pre-plans with Durham-UNH Communications Center and mutual aid area fire departments.

- Recognized Captain Hubert Matheny and Firefighter Thomas Stano as 1997 Fire Officer and Firefighter of the Year

- Hired Firefighter David Emanuel to fill the

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 1997

Fire Safety Inspections267

Including: multiple occupancy, commercial, home, daycare, and chimney and woodstove inspections

Permits Issued/Approved

Blasting31
 Burning224
 Fireworks Display4
 Install/operate fire alarm system25
 Install (LPG) tank.....2
 Install oil burner12
 Install fire sprinkler system13
 Open flame in place of assembly10
 Operate place of assembly29
 Kerosene heater.....3
 Remove underground fuel storage tank4
 Pyrotechnics6
 Haunted House3

Fire Safety

Education110
 Including: fire drills, fire extinguisher classes, other programs (public school programs, dormitory and Greek system programs, station tours, etc.)

Miscellaneous

Major fire investigations.....7
 Special event coverage85

Public Assists9,372

Including: fire safety information requests and department business via telephone and walk-in and the above inspections, permits, classes, and special events.

1997 Combined Total Activities11,925



ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF RONALD O'KEEFE DEMONSTRATES THE USE OF PORTABLE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS TO OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

vacancy created by the resignation of Firefighter William Burns who relocated to North Carolina.

1998 GOALS

- Conduct pre-incident planning of target hazard facilities in the community.

- Upgrade the Emergency Operations Center, including policy updates and related equipment/resources.

- Facilitate a tabletop disaster preparedness exercise with NH Office of Emergency Management in conjunction with Town and UNH agencies/officials.

- Continue to provide the desired level of fire protection, emergency medical and technical services in balance with available resources and staffing level.

- Maintain low dollar loss of property and high level of life safety throughout the joint Durham-UNH community through a combination of fire suppression training and equipment, code enforcement, and fire safety education.

— ROBERT WOOD
FIRE CHIEF

DURHAM-UNH COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

The center continues to provide a wide variety of emergency and non-emergency services to the Town of Durham and the University of New Hampshire, as well as to several neighboring communities.

The ability to hire, train and maintain competent, quality personnel continues to be the most significant issue facing this center. I am sad to report that this past year we have had five (5) full-time resignations and three (3) part-time resignations. We have not had any reliable part-time dispatchers this past year. The biggest reason is we have spent so much time trying to stabilize the full-time staffing levels. In September we began to address the part-time staffing levels and received two (2) full-time resignations and we are right back to focusing our efforts on the full-time positions. Training of new personnel takes anywhere from 2-3 months. We are approaching a position in which new employees will be trained by persons who have just barely been released from training themselves and are still learning.

It is time that we take a hard look at the turnover within this center

and I will be working with the University and Town Officials in trying to deal with this.

Despite the problems with staffing, the center maintains a commitment to providing the best possible level of service to the communities we serve. The center, as well as the agencies we dispatch for have spent significant energy in solving issues between us. The relationships are the best I have seen in many years.

I would like to remind residents that this center monitors Fire, Burglar, Panic, and Medical Aid type Alarms for businesses and private residences. The Communications Coordinator, Lieutenant James Young, can be contacted for questions concerning alarms, or other Dispatch issues at 862-1392.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the dedicated staff of the Dispatch Center and to all of the Town Agencies that we have worked with during the past year.

— JAMES A. YOUNG JR.
LIEUTENANT

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 1997

	UNH INCIDENTS	TOWN INCIDENTS
Structure fires	14	24
Other fires (vehicle, brush, refuse)	8	28
Emergency medical	285	318
Extrications	51	12
Spills/leaks (no ignition)	21	15
Service calls	308	213
Smoke investigations	65	37
Malicious false alarms	20	19
Unintentional false alarms	54	40
Good intent	63	44
System malfunction	27	30
False calls not classified	69	54
Miscellaneous (assist police, chemical emergencies, arcing electrical equipment)	116	37
Total	1,101	871
Mutual aid provided to other communities		33

DURHAM AMBULANCE CORPS

In 1998 the Durham Ambulance Corps celebrates its 30th anniversary of providing 24-hour emergency ambulance service to Durham, Lee, Madbury and the University of New Hampshire in memory of Dr. George G. McGregor. The Corps is a private, non-profit, volunteer service funded by patient billing, appropriations from the communities, and donations.

1997 was another record breaking year for the DAC with 912 responses to emergency medical calls. There were 350 calls in Durham (38.38%), 278 calls to the UNH campus (30.48%), 175 calls in Lee (19.19%), 64 calls in Madbury (7.02%) and 45 mutual aid calls to other communities (4.93%).

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Corps held a fund drive to raise money for the Corps' McGregor Memorial and Building Funds. Donations are used only for purchase of non-expendable equipment and to renovate, purchase, or construct station facilities. The Corps hopes to receive over \$10,000 after all donations are received.

- The Corps completed renovations and expansion of the office,

storage, and bunk spaces to ease overcrowding and better meet our needs for the next several years. We will need to move to a larger facility within the next ten-fifteen years.

- We continue to assess the quality of service we provide by sending service evaluation forms to patients and analyzing the results.

- DAC sponsored a CPR training marathon as well as many smaller CPR and First Aid training courses. The Corps continues to present safety education (such as 911 information, child passenger safety, bicycle safety, etc.) at community events such as fairs and community picnics.

1998 GOALS

- We will continue to explore community needs and plan for the future by working with rep-

resentatives of the communities we serve to determine how the Corps can best serve the communities in the future.

- We will continue annual training and policy review/revision to comply with OSHA guidelines for Tuberculosis, bloodborne pathogens and hazardous materials.

- The Corps will appeal to area businesses for financial support. Previously our corporate fund-raising efforts were limited to occasional requests for sponsorship of specific events.

- Donations received in this fund drive will be placed in the McGregor Memorial and Building Funds.

We owe a great deal of thanks to the communities and citizens of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and UNH for their continued support,

and especially for their generous response to our fund-raising efforts. We would also like to thank the Durham, Lee, and Madbury Fire Departments, the Durham-UNH Communications Center and the Durham, UNH, Lee, and Madbury Police Departments for their support. Most of all, we would like to thank all the DAC volunteers for their many hours of dedicated service.

- SUSAN J. BRUNS
PRESIDENT
PATRICK D. AHEARN,
ADMINISTRATIVE V.P.
JULIE ZAJAC, SECRETARY
MARY C. DAVIS,
MANAGER
KAREN N. HENNY,
OPERATIONS VICE PRESIDENT
STEPHANIE DORNSIFE,
TRAINING COORDINATOR
MARCUS DAY, TREASURER

TOWN COUNCILOR VI B. MCNEILL LEADS COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVID LANGLEY, PAT SAMUELS AND GEORGE A. RIEF IN THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON HER ARABIAN HORSE BALTIC DRUSKA. Photo courtesy of Richard Dewing



POLICE DEPARTMENT

This was a year in which dramatic change occurred for the Durham Police Department.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The agency moved into a newly refurbished Police Department at the former Clipper Building. This facility provides a platform from which quality services can be delivered to the community. It also allows the officers to work in a professional environment while providing security and privacy to victims. The officers and their families contributed many hours rehabilitating the facility assuring that it would be ready quickly and cost efficient.

The police facility is also providing a surprise benefit. The Ray I. Burrows community meeting room is very much in demand. A variety of groups and organizations are meeting on an almost continuous basis making the facility a true community building.

- The new police officers shoulder patch and the cruiser markings were the result of a group of officers seeking a design that was felt to be more reflective of the community. The Durham Town Seal serves as the backdrop.

- The department formed an alliance with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force



DAVID KURZ, CHIEF OF POLICE

that will enable an enhanced impact on drug trafficking within our community.

- Sergeant Rene Kelley was invited to attend the prestigious FBI National Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The intensive eleven-week school focuses upon the latest in police management courses. Upon his graduation in July, he returned to Durham with skills that are designed to enhance the

delivery of services to the public.

- Officer David Holmstock was invited to participate as a Cadre at the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council. As a Cadre, David serves as an example to the police cadets instructing and guiding them through the rigorous 12-week course.

- Officer Kevin Theriault was certified as a nationally recognized specialist in Traffic Accident Reconstruction. He successfully passed the very difficult exam given by the Accreditation Commission for Traffic Accident Reconstruction (ACTAR) thereby achieving this coveted status.

- Officer Todd Beiry conducted a study designed to identify a less than lethal alternative weapon for Durham officers. His conclusions resulted in the implementa-

tion of the ASP as that police tool. The small, unobtrusive baton is discrete, non-threatening and easily carried on the officer's duty belt. Officer Beiry provided extensive training to all officers.

- For heroic actions at the scene of a motor vehi-

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POLICE DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Aid to Citizens	1,769
Aid to Other Agencies	470
Parking Tickets	4,256
Escorts	324
Warnings Issued	2,787
Summons Issued	1,519
Criminal Arrest	337
Non-criminal Investigations	471
Criminal Investigations	935
Reportable Accidents	233
Total	13,101

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATED ITS NEW LOCATION WITH A RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON JULY 2, 1997. PICTURED ARE (L TO R): POLICE CHIEF DAVID KURZ, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR LAURENCE SHAFFER, MRS. BEVERLY BURROWS (WIFE OF FORMER POLICE CHIEF RAY I. BURROWS), JUDGE BILL SHAHEEN, REVEREND DAVID ABBOT AND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN GEORGE A. RIEF



POLICE, CONT.

cle accident, the Durham Town Council recognized Officer Dronsfield. A vehicle had crashed into a pond submerging the occupant compartment. One victim's leg was wedged in the door although his head was above water. Officer Dronsfield freed that person only to learn that another person was trapped inside. After repeatedly diving into the frigid, dark water, the passenger was located and ultimately freed. Although under water for approximately 20 minutes, the person is expected to fully recover.

● Sgt. Sean Kelley was assigned to work on the revamping of the agency policies and procedures with the ultimate goal of achieving nationally accredited status. As the result of a team effort, Durham gained Level II certification from the State of New Hampshire, one of only six agencies in the State to accomplish this status.

I want to thank the citizens of Durham for working in partnership with us ensuring that the community retains a safe and friendly atmosphere. The employees of the Durham Police Department will continue to deliver customer-oriented service in an efficient and economical fashion.

— DAVID KURZ
CHIEF OF POLICE

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands. Forest Protection Bureau State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement.

The 1997 fire season was a safe period for wildland firefighters with no major injuries reported. The drought conditions experienced during the

early summer months were a significant factor in the total number of fires reported during the season.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property as low as possible.

— ROBERT P. WOOD
FOREST FIRE WARDEN

1997 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported through December 23, 1997)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

Belknap	58
Carroll	96
Cheshire	63
Coos	29
Grafton	51
Hillsborough	145
Merrimack.....	148
Rockingham	54
Strafford	63
Sullivan	19

Total Fires.....726
Total Acres.....177.17

—LEE GARDNER
.....FOREST RANGER

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Smoking	54
Debris Burning.....	261
Campfire	99
Power Line	33
Railroad	3
Equipment Use.....	23
Lightning.....	14
Children	60
OHRV	0
Miscellaneous.....	130
Incendiary	33
Fireworks	16

—ROBERT P. WOOD
.....FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Public Works DEPARTMENT

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

I am pleased to present this, my tenth annual message to the citizens of Durham, and I would like to highlight just two things this year. Activities, which occurred in each program, can be found in the Superintendents' reports that follow.

With the construction of a new Public Works facility, Durham took a giant step forward for its Public Works Program. It will be a couple of years before we are truly organized, but since our August move-in, we see a big improvement in operating efficiency. Construction of inside storage, yard completion and salt/sand storage are the big items remaining;



JOSEPH "SKIP" GRADY,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

Our significant growth over the past nine (9) years is the second item I'd like to report on. When I arrived here in 1988, it was immediately clear that the desired service levels and infrastructure maintenance demands had outstripped the existing labor and equipment resources. In 1989 a fifth primary snow plowing route was added, formal Buildings/

Grounds and Water Divisions were created, a curbside separation recycling program was begun and the Solid Waste Division was formed. Additional positions and equipment were added to fulfill those changes. The major areas of growth since 1989 include:

- The recycling program has increased from 400 tons to an estimated 1000 tons for 1997.
- There have been 218 new homes built, each one requiring our services.
- Road mileage has increased via subdivision by approximately 9 miles.
- The Lee well was brought on line and now contributes 175,000 gallons of drinking water to the Town/UNH water Systems.
- Continually evolving State and Federal regulations require higher quality drinking water and

wastewater discharge.

- The Wagon Hill Recreation Area was purchased and receives significant usage.
- The Town cemetery has been expanded.
- New police and public works facilities have been purchased.
- A Town Library now exists.
- The level of public usage and maintenance needs of all our recreational areas have increased dramatically.
- Deferred infrastructure repairs, especially with our buildings, continues to generate more and more maintenance.
- Acquisition of parcel that is now the Durham Business Park.

All indications are that growth will continue.

We are at a similar transition this year that we were at in 1988, our current resources cannot keep up with the current service demands.

1998 GOALS

- The creation of a sixth primary snow plowing route.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY AT THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW DPW FACILITY SEPT. 27, 1997. (L TO R). GARY PAUL STEVENS, DONALD SUMNER, PHILLIPS BROOKS, GAIL JABLONSKI, MICHAEL SIEVERT, MICHAEL LYNCH, LAURENCE SHAFFER, GEORGE RIEF, JOHN HATCH, MARYANNA HATCH, HERBERT JACKSON, WILLIAM HEALY AND JOSEPH "SKIP" GRADY

public works DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC WORKS, CONTINUED

- An aggressive buildings capital repair program.

- Adding a third summer employee to the Buildings and Grounds Division.

- Reestablishing the Town Engineer position not filled since 1987.

- Requiring our Highway Division summer help, for the next three years, to have previous maintenance experience allowing the creation of two experienced summer maintenance crews. Those crews would aggressively address highway drainage and pavement maintenance and deficiencies

- Changing collection of recycables to a two-stream/alternate week or commingled systems to cut down on the collection/processing times.

- Double the water production from the Lee Well to 325,000 gallons a day to reduce water purchases from UNH Water Treatment Plant.

- Replace aging and costly equipment.

In closing, I would like to recognize and thank the Town Council and Boards for their guidance, our Town Administrator, Larry Shaffer, for his support, other Town Departments for their help, our great Public Works members for all their hard work and most of all a big

thank you to you, our customers, for your suggestions, reporting problems, encouragement and financial support.

As my way of saying thank you to our customers for this facility, I offer the text of my remarks for the September 27th Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:

"Town officials, distinguished guests, ladies, gentlemen and young people, on behalf of the Durham Public Works Department, it is truly with great pleasure that I welcome you all to 100 Stone Quarry Drive and the official opening ceremony of this picturesque site and Durham's wonderful new Public Works facility.

Thank you for joining us on this special day of pride and celebration for the Durham community, the Durham Public Works Department and for all those connected with this project; isn't this some place!

The history of this new facility appears to go back several decades. according to Don Sumner, Public Works was once located at the present site of the Durham Marketplace. Its next home was behind the town hall. long-time residents on Schoolhouse Lane were recently heard reminiscing about their neighborhood. Barbara Issacson, who gets a twinkle in her eye when poking fun at something, recalled that town residents were told the Public Works Garages would only be there for 10 years; that was more than fifty years ago! So you see, plans for a new location have deep roots.

The now vacated Public Works Garages served the town long and well. Although the facility was, perhaps, unable to keep up with all the changes and increased demands that recent years placed upon it, the buildings and those who toiled in them should be fondly remembered.

There have been many, many people involved in making this day possible and

I'd like to recognize them and say thank you.

First, to all those town officials, staff and citizens before us who felt the need for a new location and worked hard laying the groundwork for the early 90's deliberations; thank you.

Next, thanks to the many town council members who, on behalf of the town's citizens, built on that ground work and launched the project by making thoughtful and difficult funding decisions. They have also guided the staff to bring the project to what you see today. Former Council Chairman Bill Healy and current Council Chairman George Rief are here with us today to say a few words and represent these dedicated public officials.

Thanks to each Town Administrator, starting with Terry Hundley, our first, who is fondly remembered, to our current administrator, Larry Shaffer. they all have spent much time nurturing the seedling which has matured to the blossom you see here today. I think many would agree that former Administrator Larry



VIEW FROM THE ROAD SHOWING BOTH DPW BUILDINGS. THE NEW FACILITY SHOWN ON THE LEFT WAS COMPLETED JULY, 1997.



BUDGET & FINANCE

COMBINED FUND STATEMENTS

BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT TAX RATE AND VALUATION

1998 BUDGET AND REVENUE CHARTS

BUDGET AND TAX RATE COMPARISONS, 1991-1998

AUDITOR'S REPORT

STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS

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VALUATION AND TAX HISTORY

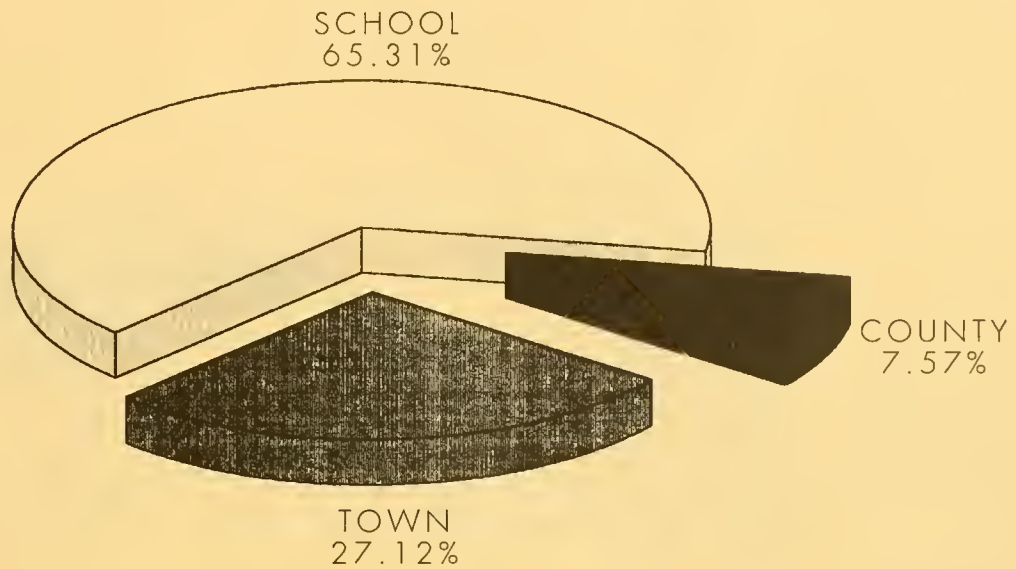
	1997 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/97	FY1998 COUNCIL APPROVED
REVENUE			
GENERAL FUND			
Taxes	\$3,301,561.00	\$3,168,474.00	\$3,468,772.00
Licenses & Permits	\$493,800.00	\$590,653.00	\$539,800.00
State & Federal	\$361,496.00	\$620,203.00	\$389,576.00
Other Governments	\$868,119.00	\$924,805.00	\$1,020,557.00
Department Revenues	\$325,018.00	\$328,604.00	\$221,550.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$327,625.00	\$321,595.00	\$359,597.00
Fund Balance	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$164,000.00
Total General Fund	\$5,777,619.00	\$5,954,334.00	\$6,163,852.00
OTHER FUNDS			
Water Fund	\$357,928.00	\$342,694.00	\$396,221.00
Sewer Fund	\$1,080,191.00	\$936,350.00	\$1,206,547.00
Capital Fund	\$655,001.00	\$8,637.00	\$643,863.00
Parking Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,000.00
Vehicle Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,250.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$7,870,739.00	\$7,242,015.00	\$8,531,733.00
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Town Council	\$21,500.00	\$19,639.00	\$22,500.00
Town Administrator	\$116,621.00	\$117,645.69	\$121,344.00
Treasurer	\$1,300.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,300.00
Town Clerk / Tax Collector	\$79,224.00	\$83,083.00	\$84,464.00
Accounting & MIS	\$121,147.00	\$120,649.99	\$133,555.00
Elections	\$1,800.00	\$2,541.13	\$2,600.00
Planning, Zoning & Assessing	\$177,538.00	\$186,671.38	\$222,788.00
Strafford Regional Planning Commission	\$4,012.00	\$4,296.00	\$4,012.00
C.O.A.S.T.	\$5,253.00	\$5,620.00	\$6,014.00
Other General Costs	\$120,000.00	\$183,168.43	\$126,000.00
General Government Total	\$648,395.00	\$724,664.62	\$724,577.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Police Department	\$815,768.00	\$888,912.86	\$819,879.00
Fire Department	\$999,971.00	\$1,024,644.35	\$1,030,520.00
Communications Center	\$117,104.00	\$104,337.00	\$130,090.00
Ambulance Services	\$29,922.00	\$15,934.00	\$25,820.00
Public Safety Total	\$1,962,765.00	\$2,033,828.21	\$2,006,309.00
PUBLIC WORKS			
Administration	\$92,500.00	\$89,084.02	\$75,290.00
Roadway Maintenance	\$223,114.00	\$200,037.53	\$299,763.00
Snow/Ice Control	\$122,690.00	\$135,514.38	\$126,500.00
Drainage/Vegetation	\$35,184.00	\$19,006.83	\$45,400.00
Traffic Control	\$78,536.00	\$89,006.31	\$96,768.00
Maintenance/Repair	\$135,508.00	\$136,990.49	\$155,141.00
Miscellaneous	\$116,676.00	\$137,328.01	\$111,623.00

	1997 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/97	FY1998 COUNCIL APPROVED
Public Works (continued)			
Public Buildings	\$60,556.00	\$64,500.43	\$107,721.00
Cemeteries/Graveyards	\$10,306.00	\$7,856.83	\$11,531.00
Parks & Grounds Maintenance	\$72,948.00	\$60,616.35	\$96,464.00
Public Works Total	\$948,018.00	\$939,941.18	\$1,126,201.00
 SANITATION			
Administration	\$43,288.00	\$48,493.01	\$45,009.00
Curbside Collection	\$160,369.00	\$134,849.75	\$155,716.00
Transfer Station	\$81,134.00	\$69,208.85	\$70,566.00
Litter Removal	\$8,669.00	\$6,851.67	\$10,019.00
Recycling	\$91,034.00	\$104,573.40	\$101,647.00
Hazardous Waste Day	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.50	\$0.00
Sanitation Total	\$389,494.00	\$378,977.18	\$382,957.00
 HEALTH			
Health Department	\$1,700.00	\$18,641.00	\$1,600.00
Lamprey Health	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,150.00
Sexual Assault Support Services	\$1,583.00	\$1,583.00	\$1,583.00
Health Total	\$6,283.00	\$20,224.00	\$6,333.00
 WELFARE			
General Assistance	\$2,000.00	\$8,099.44	\$3,500.00
Strafford C.A.C.	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
My Friend's Place	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Welfare Total	\$5,000.00	\$9,099.44	\$4,500.00
 CULTURE/RECREATION			
Parks & Recreation Committee	\$1,000.00	\$884.50	\$0.00
Public Library	\$42,711.00	\$53,104.58	\$42,711.00
Parks & Recreation Programs	\$48,640.00	\$52,043.62	\$3,800.00
O.R.Y.A.	\$17,251.00	\$32,455.97	\$17,218.00
Memorial Day	\$450.00	\$0.00	\$450.00
Conservation Commission	\$2,600.00	\$2,353.98	\$2,700.00
Historic District Commission	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Historic Association Museum	\$1,500.00	\$1,576.85	\$2,750.00
Resident Pool Rebate	\$15,000.00	\$9,436.00	\$15,000.00
Swans	\$500.00	\$164.06	\$100.00
July 4th	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
Wagon Hill	\$8,830.00	\$11,382.50	\$19,350.00
Culture / Recreation Total	\$144,282.00	\$169,002.06	\$109,879.00
 DEBT SERVICE			
Principal	\$343,286.00	\$343,286.00	\$345,550.00
Interest	\$233,792.00	\$233,784.00	\$162,602.00
Debt Service Total	\$577,078.00	\$577,070.00	\$508,152.00

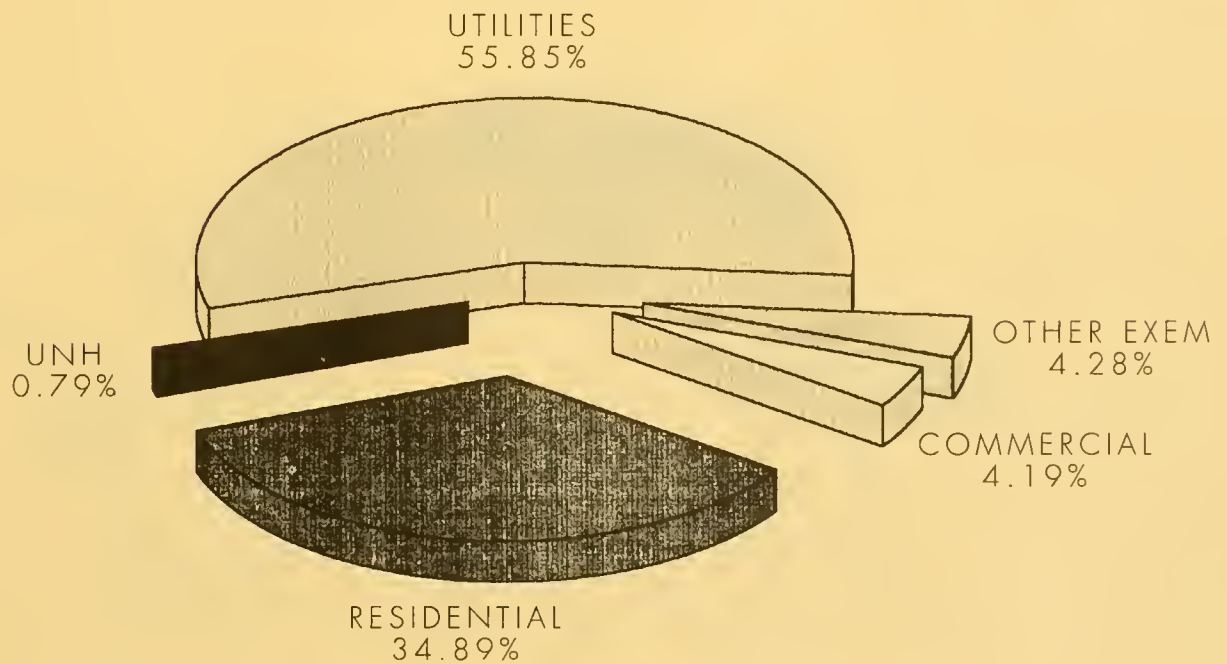
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	1997 BUDGET	UNAUDITED EXPENDITURES FY ENDING 12/31/97	FY1998 COUNCIL APPROVED
OTHER COSTS			
Short-Term Debt	\$157,000.00	\$2,364.65	\$157,000.00
Fringe Benefits	\$849,304.00	\$730,803.01	\$1,007,194.00
Insurance	\$75,000.00	\$108,609.33	\$82,500.00
Interfund Transfers	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$48,250.00
Other Costs Total	\$1,096,304.00	\$841,776.99	\$1,294,944.00
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$5,777,619.00	\$5,694,583.68	\$6,163,852.00
OTHER FUNDS			
Water Fund	\$357,928.00	\$249,585.07	\$396,221.00
Sewer Fund	\$1,080,191.00	\$948,565.16	\$1,206,547.00
Capital Fund	\$655,000.00	\$1,268,533.06	\$643,863.00
Parking Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$107,000.00
Vehicle Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,250.00
Other Funds Total	\$2,093,119.00	\$2,466,683.29	\$2,367,881.00
COMBINED TOTALS	\$7,870,738.00	\$8,161,266.97	\$8,531,733.00

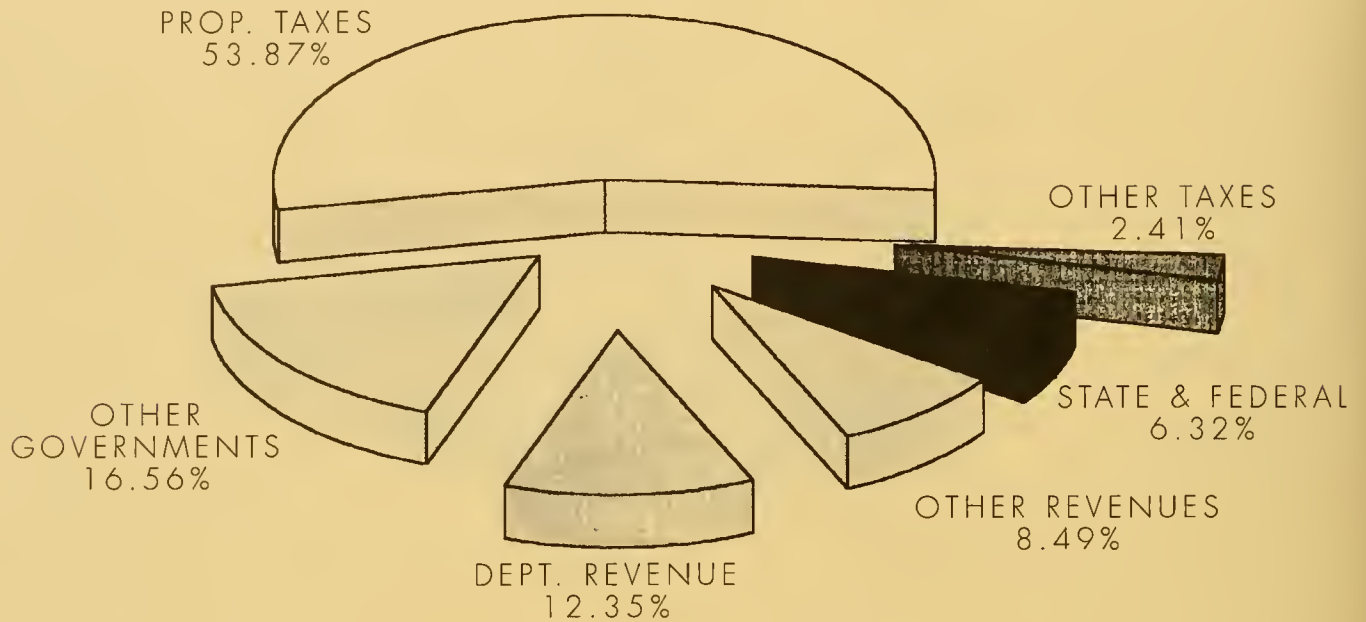
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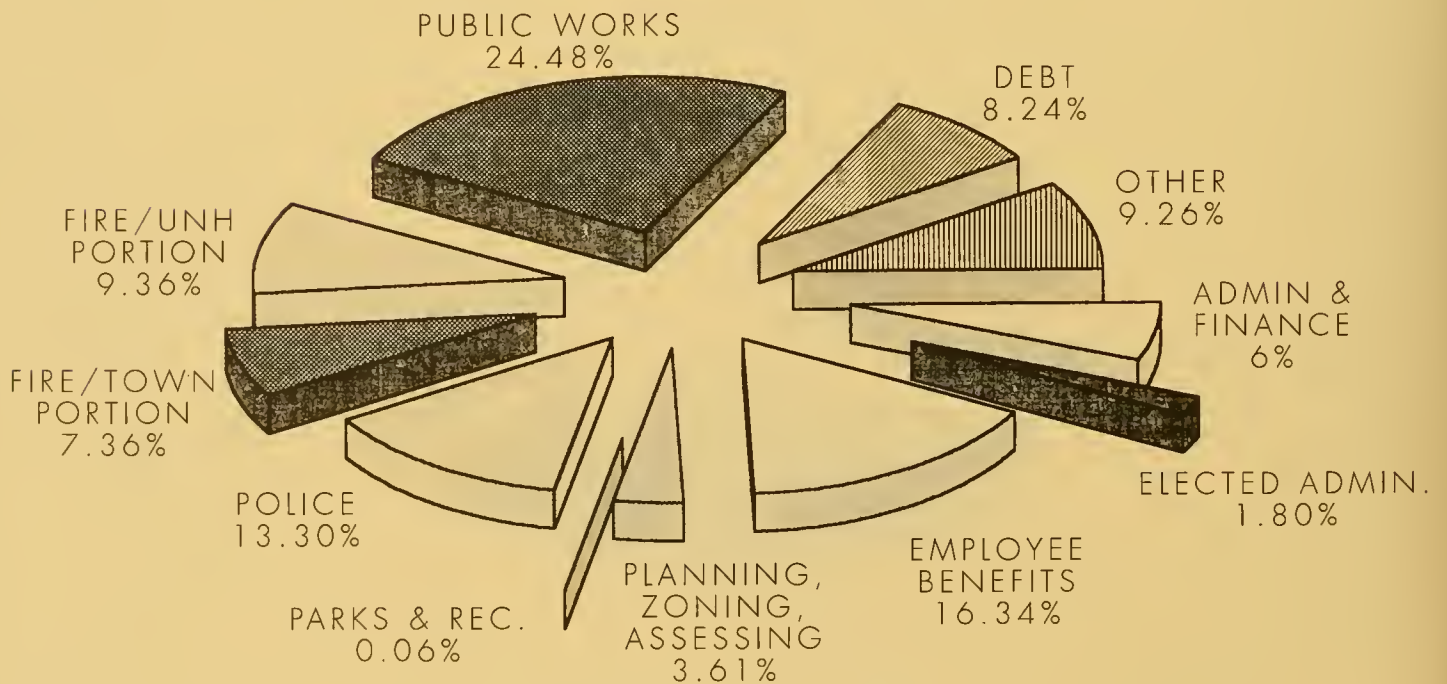
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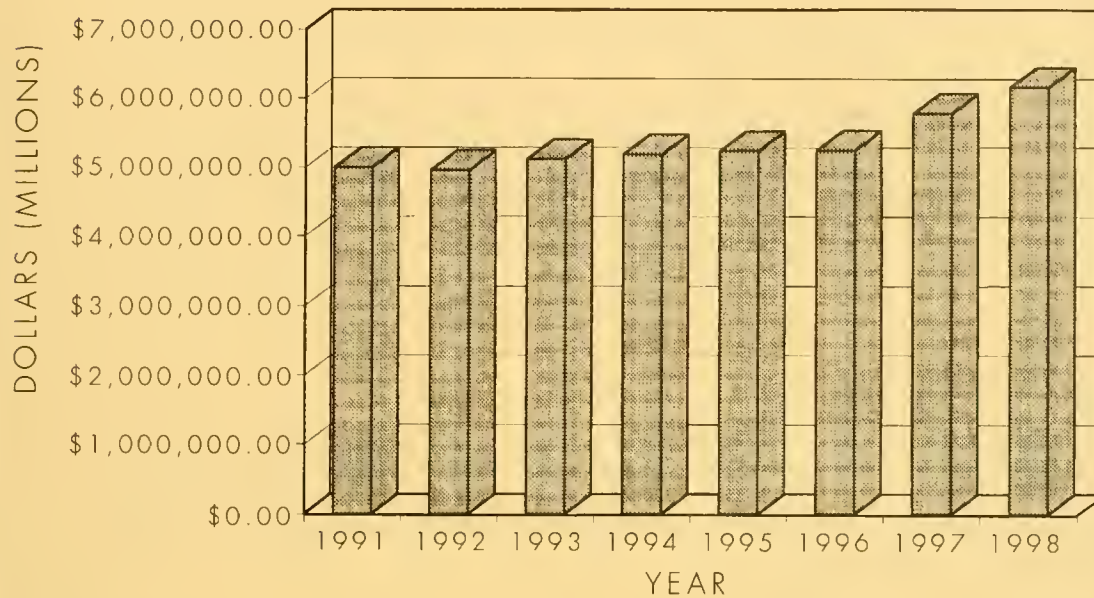
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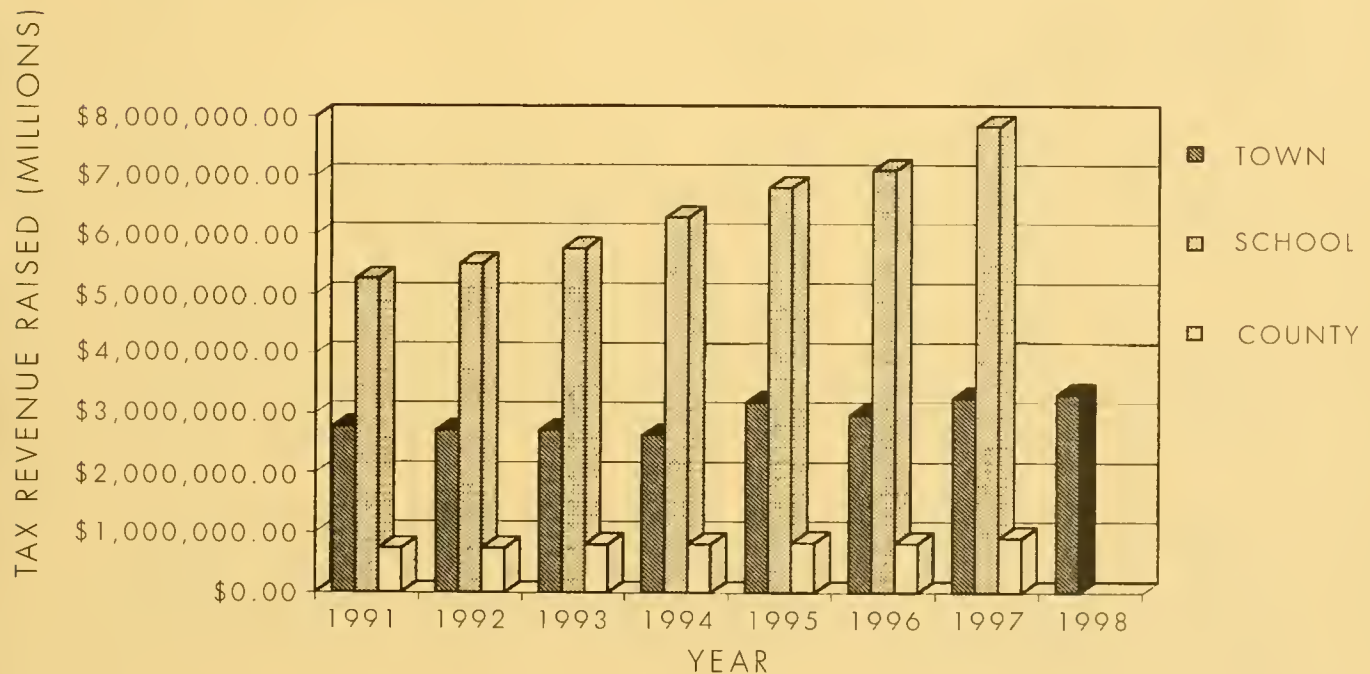
1998 TOWN BUDGET EXPENDITURES



TOWN BUDGET COMPARISON 1991-1998



TAX RATE COMPARISON 1991-1998



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Town Council
Town of Durham, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As more fully described in Note 1, the general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the financial statements of the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

As described in Note 1, the Town has recognized tax revenues of \$872,577 in the General Fund which were not received in cash within sixty days of year end as is required by generally accepted accounting principles (GASB Interpretation 3). Town officials believe, and we concur, that the application of this accounting principle, which would result in a decrease in the General Fund balance from \$671,535 to (\$201,042) would give a misleading impression of the Town's ability to meet its current and future obligations.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the general purpose financial statements of the omission described in the third paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its non-expendable trust funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated April 11, 1997 on our consideration of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire's internal control structure and a report dated April 11, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Vachon, Clibbey & Co., PC

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups

December 31, 1996

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	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Types	Account Group General Long- Term Debt	Totals (Memorandum Only) December 31, 1996	Totals (Memorandum Only) December 31, 1995
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects				
ASSETS							
Cash	\$3,601,879	\$52,623		\$378,051		\$4,032,553	\$3,104,506
Investments				1,532,436		1,532,436	1,310,475
Receivables:							
Taxes	1,688,547					1,688,547	1,495,766
Accounts	213,186	165,619				378,805	123,247
Due from other funds			\$743,277	33,963		1,138,257	962,650
Due from other governments		361,017		20,442		226,392	247,206
Prepaid expenses		205,950				14,416	27,736
Tax decded property	14,416					4,643	4,643
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations	4,643						
Total Assets	<u>\$5,522,671</u>	<u>\$785,209</u>	<u>\$743,277</u>	<u>\$1,964,892</u>	<u>\$7,909,465</u>	<u>\$16,925,514</u>	<u>\$13,909,459</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$175,332	\$73,944	\$54,508	\$282,198	\$303,784	\$303,784	\$221,646
Accrued liabilities	115,663			19,442	397,861	397,861	177,970
Deposits	42,565			92,184	62,007	62,007	39,609
Due to other funds	1,012,110	33,963			1,138,257	1,138,257	962,650
Due to other governments	3,495,466	331,656			3,827,122	3,827,122	3,559,755
Retainage payable			821		821	821	2,756
Deferred revenue	10,000				10,000	10,000	6,500
Bond anticipation note payable							500,000
General obligation debt payable					7,488,134	7,488,134	6,255,882
Other long-term obligations					165,997	165,997	164,389
Compensated absences					255,334	255,334	222,959
Total Liabilities	<u>4,851,136</u>	<u>439,563</u>	<u>55,329</u>	<u>393,824</u>	<u>7,909,465</u>	<u>13,649,317</u>	<u>12,114,116</u>
Fund Balance (Deficit):							
Reserved:							
Reserved for tax decded property	4,643				4,643	4,643	4,643
Reserved for prepaid expenses	14,416				14,416	14,416	27,736
Reserved for endowments					157,574	157,574	148,990
Unreserved:							
Designated for future years' expenditures							
Undesignated			687,948	1,379,481		1,379,481	1,363,806
Total Fund Equity	<u>652,476</u>	<u>345,646</u>	<u>687,948</u>	<u>34,013</u>		<u>1,720,083</u>	<u>250,168</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	<u>671,535</u>	<u>345,646</u>	<u>687,948</u>	<u>1,571,068</u>		<u>3,276,197</u>	<u>1,795,343</u>
	<u>\$5,522,671</u>	<u>\$785,209</u>	<u>\$743,277</u>	<u>\$1,964,892</u>	<u>\$7,909,465</u>	<u>\$16,925,514</u>	<u>\$13,909,459</u>

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

All Governmental and Similar Trust Fund Types

For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary Fund Type	Totals (Memorandum Only) For the Years Ended December 31,	
	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Expendable Trust Funds	1996	1995
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$3,192,006	\$352			\$3,192,358	\$3,292,082
Licenses and permits	536,915				536,915	493,426
Intergovernmental revenues	1,031,014	271,564	\$1,608	\$170,442	1,474,628	1,334,148
Charges for service	470,655	1,119,961			1,590,616	1,502,583
Miscellaneous revenues	388,409	29,554	7,043	56,545	481,551	430,600
Total Revenues	<u>5,618,999</u>	<u>1,421,431</u>	<u>8,651</u>	<u>226,987</u>	<u>7,276,068</u>	<u>7,052,839</u>
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	1,668,145				1,668,145	1,559,867
Public safety	1,874,016				1,874,016	1,654,890
Highways and streets	972,844				972,844	936,305
Sanitation	332,137	642,648			974,785	985,638
Water treatment and distribution		223,354			223,354	230,493
Capital outlay		25,368	821,964		847,332	501,133
Debt service:						
Principal retirement	244,000	263,748			507,748	540,875
Interest and fiscal charges	325,884	149,045			474,929	483,268
Total Expenditures	<u>5,417,026</u>	<u>1,304,163</u>	<u>821,964</u>		<u>7,543,153</u>	<u>6,892,469</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>201,973</u>	<u>117,268</u>	<u>(813,313)</u>	<u>226,987</u>	<u>(267,085)</u>	<u>160,370</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Proceeds of long-term debt			1,740,000		1,740,000	164,389
Operating transfers in			90,203	33,963	124,166	293,531
Operating transfers out	(20,435)	(33,963)		(5,137)	(59,535)	(273,096)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(20,435)</u>	<u>(33,963)</u>	<u>1,830,203</u>	<u>28,826</u>	<u>1,804,631</u>	<u>184,824</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>181,538</u>	<u>83,305</u>	<u>1,016,890</u>	<u>255,813</u>	<u>1,537,546</u>	<u>345,194</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit) - January 1	<u>489,997</u>	<u>262,341</u>	<u>(328,942)</u>	<u>1,208,734</u>	<u>1,632,130</u>	<u>1,286,936</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit) - December 31	<u>\$671,535</u>	<u>\$345,646</u>	<u>\$687,948</u>	<u>\$1,464,547</u>	<u>\$3,169,676</u>	<u>\$1,632,130</u>

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TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	General Fund			Special Revenue Funds			Totals (Memorandum Only)		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:									
Taxes	\$3,098,792	\$3,192,006	\$93,214				\$3,098,792	\$3,192,006	\$93,214
Licenses and permits	502,500	536,915	34,415				502,500	536,915	34,415
Intergovernmental revenues	1,041,889	1,031,014	(10,875)	\$311,516	271,564	(\$39,952)	1,353,405	1,302,578	(50,827)
Charges for service	267,939	470,655	202,716	1,050,725	1,119,961	69,236	1,318,664	1,590,616	271,952
Miscellaneous revenues	315,923	388,409	72,486	13,600	28,277	14,677	329,523	416,686	87,163
Total Revenues	5,227,043	5,618,999	391,956	1,375,841	1,419,802	43,961	6,602,884	7,038,801	435,917
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General government	1,710,671	1,668,145	42,526				1,710,671	1,668,145	42,526
Public safety	1,607,636	1,874,016	(266,380)				1,607,636	1,874,016	(266,380)
Highways and streets	959,014	972,844	(13,830)				959,014	972,844	(13,830)
Sanitation	360,587	332,137	28,450	634,279	642,648	(8,369)	994,866	974,785	20,081
Water treatment and distribution				264,430	223,354	41,076	264,430	223,354	41,076
Capital outlay					25,368	(25,368)		25,368	(25,368)
Debt service:									
Principal retirement	244,000	244,000		263,748	263,748		507,748	507,748	
Interest and fiscal charges	360,061	325,884	34,177	149,045	149,045		509,106	474,929	34,177
Total Expenditures	5,241,969	5,417,026	(175,057)	1,311,502	1,304,163	7,339	6,553,471	6,721,189	(167,718)
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(14,926)	201,973	216,899	64,339	115,639	51,300	49,413	317,612	268,199
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating transfers in	10,000		(10,000)				10,000		(10,000)
Operating transfers out	(20,435)	(20,435)		(84,339)	(33,963)	50,376	(104,774)	(54,398)	50,376
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(10,435)	(20,435)	(10,000)	(84,339)	(33,963)	50,376	(94,774)	(54,398)	40,376
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	(25,361)	181,538	206,899	(20,000)	81,676	101,676	(45,361)	263,214	308,575
Fund Balances - January 1	489,997	489,997		196,128	196,128		686,125	686,125	
Fund Balances - December 31	\$464,636	\$671,535	\$206,899	\$176,128	\$277,804	\$101,676	\$640,764	\$949,339	\$308,575

TOWN OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances

All Non-Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

		(Memorandum Only)
	1996	1995
Operating Revenues:		
Investment income	\$9,787	\$9,225
Operating Expenses:		
Contractual services	10,432	11,118
Operating loss	<u>(645)</u>	<u>(1,893)</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Bequests	8,366	4,680
Net gain (loss) on investment transactions	218	1,876
Non-operating revenues	<u>8,584</u>	<u>6,556</u>
Net Income Before Operating Transfers	7,939	4,663
Operating Transfer In	20,435	
Operating Transfer Out		(20,435)
Net Income (Loss)	<u>28,374</u>	<u>(15,772)</u>
Fund Balance - January 1	163,213	178,985
Fund Balance - December 31	<u><u>\$191,587</u></u>	<u><u>\$163,213</u></u>

Combined Statement of Cash Flows

		(Memorandum Only)
	1996	1995
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Interest and dividends on investments	\$9,787	\$9,225
Cash payments for contractual services	(17,200)	(11,127)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>(7,413)</u>	<u>(1,902)</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Operating transfer in	20,435	
Operating transfer out		(20,435)
Bequests received	8,366	4,680
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>28,801</u>	<u>(15,755)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Net decrease in investment securities	39,110	399
Net gain on investment transactions	218	1,876
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>39,328</u>	<u>2,275</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	60,716	(15,382)
Cash - January 1	36,028	51,410
Cash - December 31	<u><u>\$96,744</u></u>	<u><u>\$36,028</u></u>
Reconciliation of Net Operating Loss to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating loss	(\$645)	(\$1,893)
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Operating Loss to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
(Decrease) in interfund payable	(6,768)	(9)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u><u>(\$7,413)</u></u>	<u><u>(\$1,902)</u></u>

STATEMENT OF LONG-TERM INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS 1-1-97 THROUGH 12-1-97

budget and
FINANCE

DESCRIPTION OF BONDS/LOANS	LOAN DATE	PRINCIPAL	RATE	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL PAID	BALANCE	INTEREST PAID	BALANCE
Land Acquisition/Equipment	12-15-89	\$3,920,000	6.66%	12-15-99	\$175,000	\$2,100,000	\$151,550	\$920,413
General Obligation Bond	7-15-92	\$666,000	4.33%	7-15-99	\$100,000	\$135,000	\$10,440	\$9,130
State Revolving Loan Fund	6-18-93	\$3,366,018	3.91%	6-18-08	\$189,888	\$2,648,245	\$110,900	\$660,428
Davis/White Land Acquisition	9-15-94	\$500,000	5.74%	9-15-04	\$50,000	\$350,000	\$23,200	\$78,400
SRLF-1997 Dechlor Eng.	10/20/97	\$259,625	1.12%	12/1/06	\$23,030	\$236,594	\$4,687	\$32,251
1996 General Obligation Bond	9/1/96	\$1,740,000	5.11%	9/1/16	\$115,000	\$1,625,000	\$86,900	\$782,725
Total		\$8,711,643			\$537,918	\$5,469,839	\$298,998	\$1,688,383

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS REPORT

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/1/97	CHANGE IN FUNDS	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 12/31/97	INCOME BALANCE 1/1/97	INCOME	EXPENDED	BALANCE END OF YEAR	COMBINED FUND BAL 12/31/97
Capital Reserve Funds NOTE: All Capital Reserve Funds are in U.S. Government obligations and money market.								
Parking Fund	\$75,301.00	\$0	\$75,301.00	\$31,311.94	\$6,132.89	\$0	\$37,444.83	\$112,745.83
Fire Equipment	40,215.00	19,225.00	59,440.00	17,052.46	3,963.31	(5,136.56)	15,879.21	75,319.21
Wiswall Dam	216.69	0	216.69	3,729.11	227.55	0	3,956.66	4,173.35
Fire Service Agrmnt.	84,989.60	0	84,989.60	17,491.56	5,895.18	0	23,386.74	108,376.34
Community Devel.	531,322.42	0	531,322.42	50,817.57	33,487.95	0	84,305.52	615,627.94
Solid Waste Truck	8,625.00	0	8,625.00	2,931.37	1,278.42	0	4,209.79	12,834.79
Res. Water Service	94,742.93	163,006.87	257,749.80	9,746.14	13,428.52	0	23,174.66	280,924.46
Mill Pond	1,295.30	0	1,295.30	187.34	85.34	0	272.68	1,567.98
Sewer Fund	12,282.93	108,420.46	120,703.39	1,345.01	6,425.24	0	7,770.25	128,473.64
Emerson Road	20,000.00	0	20,000.00	1,678.33	1,247.01	0	2,925.34	22,925.34
Total	\$868,990.87	\$290,652.33	\$1,159,643.20	\$136,290.83	\$72,171.41	\$(5,136.56)	\$203,325.68	\$1,362,968.88

NAME OF TRUST FUND	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 1/1/97	CHANGE ¹ IN FUNDS	PRINCIPAL BALANCE 12/31/97	INCOME BALANCE 1/1/97	INCOME	EXPENSE	INCOME BALANCE 12/31/97
44 Separate Trust Funds	\$19,948.57	\$5,208.30	\$25,156.87	\$4,589.01	\$1,251.67	\$1,020.34	\$4,820.34
Smith Fund (Town Improvement)	5,798.12	1,634.84	7,432.96	12,187.54	863.63	1,132.00	11,919.17
Durham 250 Fund (Town Improvement)	5,077.89	1,300.33	6,378.22	2,205.40	453.84	0	2,659.24
Smith Chapel Fund (Cemetery Care)	6,440.24	1,799.20	8,239.44	656.86	460.91	261.42	856.35
Philip A. Wilcox Fund (Unfunded Graveyards)	1,810.00	463.50	2,273.50	558.50	149.55	0	708.05
Wagon Hill Fund (Memorial)	370.50	394.88	765.38	113.32	36.61	0	149.93
Tirrell Fund	0	0	0	323.63	17.90	0	341.53
Memorial Day Parade	0	0	0	292.72	13.44	0	306.16
George Ffrost Fund (Education)	3,535.79	905.44	4,441.23	5,007.66	500.98	500.00	5,008.64
Olinthus Doe Fund (Farm Care/School Suppt.)	4,740.20	1,213.86	5,954.06	2,654.90	454.38	545.00	2,564.28
Town Cemetery Fund (Cemetery Care)	104,752.98	31,046.75	135,799.73	5,716.18	7,322.28	6,702.22	6,336.24
Library Svcs. Expen. Trust ² (Library Svcs)	150,000.00	(150,000.00)	0	112.80	3,292.92	3,405.72	0
Memorial Park	5,100.00	3,306.00	8,406.00	0	423.31	0	423.31
Wagon Hill Farm Expen. Trust Fund	0	79,400.23	79,400.23	0	155.12	0	155.12
(estate of Lois A. Brown)	0	3,503.52	3,503.52	488.12	211.11	0	699.23
July 4th Celebration	0	102,380.41	102,380.41	0	3,703.88	0	3,703.88
ORCSD Capital Dev. Fund	0	\$82,557.26	\$390,131.55	\$34,906.64	\$19,311.53	\$13,566.70	\$40,651.47
Total of All Trusts	\$307,574.29	\$82,557.26	\$390,131.55	\$34,906.64	\$19,311.53	\$(13,566.70)	\$40,651.47

NOTE: All Funds are invested in a common Trust Fund except the Library Services Trust, which is an individual account.

¹ Includes long-term capital gains on sale of equity assets of \$40,351.25 ² Library Services Expendable Trust—transferred to Library Trustees 6/5/97 (A/C Balance \$153,405.72)

1991-1997 VALUATION FIGURES

YEAR	PERCENT OF VALUATION	TAXABLE VALUATION
1997	*95%	\$329,822,470
1996	95%	\$321,488,104
1995	96%	\$314,793,529
1994	97%	\$313,867,343
1993	98%	\$311,186,010
1992	127%	\$405,083,660
1991	124%	\$401,134,319

*estimate of percent of valuation

1997 MS-1 SUMMARY

Total Taxable Land	\$104,718,090
Total Taxable Buildings	\$219,191,300
Total Taxable Public Utilities	\$6,565,700
Valuation Before Exemptions	\$330,475,090
Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions	\$652,620
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed	\$329,822,470
Tax Credits: Total Veterans' Exemptions	\$28,300

TAX RATE IN DURHAM 1991-1997

YEAR	TOWN	SCHOOL DISTRICT	COUNTY	TOTAL
1997	9.85	23.72	2.75	36.32
1996	\$9.53	\$22.07	\$2.55	\$34.15
1995	\$10.09	\$21.62	\$2.64	\$34.35
1994	\$ 8.37	\$20.05	\$2.58	\$31.00
1993	\$ 8.71	\$18.51	\$2.58	\$29.80
1992	\$ 6.69	\$13.60	\$1.82	\$22.11
1991	\$ 6.92	\$13.12	\$1.83	\$21.87

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Bagdad Road	Stolworthy Wildlife Sanctuary	03-02-06 & 14	\$8,700
Beech Hill Road	Water Tank Site	09-26-00 (99-300-0)	\$190,000
Bennett Road	Doe Farm	18-01-03	150,000
Coe Drive	Beard's Creek Scenic Easement	04-20-11	Easements only
Colvos Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-0	\$100,000
Dame Road	Wiley Property	19-06-05	10,000
Dame Road	Westerly side	18-27-00	\$33,400
Davis Avenue	Conservation easements	1-4-1...1-4-6	Easements only
Dover Road	Police Facility	11-4-1	\$420,100
Dover Road	Sewer Pumping Station	11-11-00	\$102,800
Durham Point Road	Solid Waste Management Facility	16-01-03	\$315,700
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	11-36-02	\$73,600
Durham Point Road (off)	Conservation land	16-03-02	\$11,400
Fogg Drive	Father Lawless Park	07-03-00	\$105,500
Foss Farm Road	Water Standpipe	99-300-00	\$1,020,100
Foss Farm Road	Woodlot	06-01-13A	\$2,700
Littlehale Road/US4	Vacant lot	10-21-00	\$4,200
Longmarsh Road	Colby Marsh/Beaver Brook Conservation	16-27-00	\$50,800
Longmarsh Road	Langmaid Farm/adjacent to Beaver Brook	16-06-01 & 02	\$142,700
Main Street	Grange Hall/Davis Memorial Building	05-01-05	\$232,700

valuation and TAX HISTORY

STREET NAME	DESCRIPTION	TAX MAP ID#	ASSESSED VALUATION
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Dam	05-03-03	\$5,300
Mill Pond Road	Mill Pond Road Park	05-07-00	15,000
Mill Pond Road	Smith Chapel	06-14-00	\$75,700
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-02	\$25,200
Mill Road	Vacant Land	06-01-05	\$19,000
Mill Road & Main St.	Strip of Park Land at Shopping Center		Easement only
Newmarket Road	District Court and Museum	05-04-12	\$192,400
Newmarket Road	Easterly side	06-12-14	\$2,100
Newmarket Road	Town Offices	05-04-11	\$156,000
Newmarket Road	Sullivan Monument	06-11-00	\$100,000
Main Street	Cemetery	09-24-00	\$58,100
Old Concord Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	\$297,000
Old Landing Road	Town Landing	05-05-14 (Incl 5-5-13)	\$67,400
Old Landing Road	Town Landing Footbridge	05-06-06	\$74,900
Orchard Drive	Scenic easements	6-2-22...6-2-25	Easements only
Oyster River	Access easement		Easement only
Oyster River Road	Sewer Pumping Station	99-300-00	\$100,000
Packers Falls Road	Lord Property	17-55-01	\$30,800
Packers Falls Road	Spruce Hole Conservation Area	13-13-05	\$26,800
Packers Falls Road	Abutting Spruce Hole	13-13-01	\$600 CU*
Pettee Brook Lane	Town Parking Lot - Multiple Parcels	2-15-0, 1	\$214,100
Pinecrest Lane	Scenic easements (title remains with Linn)	15-15-08	Easement only
Piscataqua Road	Thatch Bed	11-31-31	\$66,700
Piscataqua Road	Wagon Hill Farm	12-08 - 01 & 02	\$316,464 CU*
Piscataqua Road	Jackson's Landing	11-11-04 (Incl. 11-11-3)	\$654,200
Piscataqua Road	W. Arthur Grant Circle	11-27-0	\$464,000
Piscataqua Road	Near Jackson's Landing	11-09-02	\$57,300
Piscataqua Road	Sewer Treatment Plant	11-09-05	\$6,198,800
Piscataqua Road	Quarry Lot - Part of Treatment Plant	11-09-05	Included above
Piscataqua Road	Public Works Site	11-12-0	\$231,800
Schoolhouse Lane	Former Highway Garage-Multiple Parcels	05-04-10	\$385,000
Schoolhouse Lane	Cemetery (owned by heirs, town maintained)	05-05-12	Not available
Simons Lane	Two small lots	18-11 - 13 & 14	\$45,000
Technology Drive	Water Booster Station	99-300-00	\$90,000
Williams Way	Boat Landing Lot	11-23-04	\$20,000
Wiswall Road	Wiswall Dam Site	Map 17	\$50,000
Woodridge Road	Lot 55	07-01-55	\$37,000
Lee Five Corners, Lee		Lee 06-07-07	\$32,200
Garrity Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 09-03-00	\$160,700
Packers Falls Road, Lee	Gravel Pit	Lee 15-01-09	\$307,000
Snell Road, Lee	Water Pump House	Lee 05-06-01	\$84,000
Total			\$13,634,964

*CU = at current use value

Wood, through his tireless efforts, gave the young tree, entrusted to his care, its permanent roots.

The number of people outside of town staff necessary to permit, oversee and complete the actual construction of a project of this magnitude is almost staggering and each is thanked for their contribution, regardless of how minor it may have been: designers, engineers, surveyors, soil scientists, permit reviewers, contractors, project managers, field superintendents, equipment renters, materials' suppliers, haulers, electricians, steel erectors, heating/ventilation installers, numerous specialized equipment installers, administration, plumbers, painters, insulators, inspectors, testing companies, utilities, fence erectors, carpenters, sheetrockers, ceiling installers, concrete workers, land clearers, various state and local boards and agencies, and laborers. despite this list, I'm sure I have unintentionally missed mentioning someone. Don Sumner of Sumner/Davis Architects, Gary Stevens of Barletta Engineering Corporation and Mike Sievert of MJS Engineering are here today and represent all of the above.

Town staff from all departments was closely involved in this project whether preparing the site, arranging financing, keeping records, providing almost hour by hour liaison between public works and all the others directly involved, carving the site out of the woods, constructing the road, doing another's normally assigned tasks so that person could work here, inspecting the work, moving here and beginning to get organized and

more. all while trying to maintain an acceptable level of services we normally provide; I personally thank these people.

Finally and most important, Durham's citizens and taxpayers who are our customers and the reasons why a Public Works Department exists. To this group of folks who have supported this project with more than just words, we pledge to you to take good care of this facility entrusted to us and to use it to help provide you with the most efficient and cost effective services we can. We also recognize and thank several of our customers who generously donated appliances, money and plants to help equip our new lunch room and landscaped the outside: Richard and Mary Dewing, Dave and Linda Fluharty, Dee and Art Grant, Joe and Maggie Moore, George and Linda Rief, John and Betty Woodruff. We are most happy to have Herb Jackson and Maryanna Hatch, two long time Durham residents here today representing our customers.

Thank you, thank you all very much.

Please stop by and let us show you your new facility."

— JOSEPH "SKIP" GRADY
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

RECYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Committee first wishes to recognize and thank Mr. William "Bill" Skinner for his nine years of service as a member of the Town of Durham Recycling Advisory Committee. During his tenure, his leadership contributed significantly to the expansion and effectiveness of the Town's recycling program which is recognized widely as one of the best.

The Town's recycling program is at a transition point. The program and Town have both grown to a point that the capacity of the Solid Waste Division's labor and equipment resources are being exceeded on a regular basis.

The Committee and Public Works staff are currently reviewing the following options.

SHORT RANGE

- Converting to a two stream collection system; paper one week and containers the next week.

- Switching to a comingled collection and market directly to private materials recovery facility; Town would not separate or bale under this option.

- Purchase of used roll off truck and haul our own solid waste/recyclables roll off containers to disposal/market sites.

LONG RANGE

- Town/UNH cooperatively run solid waste/recycling facility on a new site. Basic concept is now under investigation.

- The Committee continues to look at expansion of the program to recover more materials and has targeted sorted mixed office paper waste (SMOW) in the commercial sector for implementation in 1999; arrangements for program to be done in 1998.

The Committee wishes to thank and congratulate Durham citizens for their recycling efforts and commitment to the program which we feel is second to none in New Hampshire. We know that reducing the cost of disposing solid waste is to a large extent in our individual hands; therefore, we ask that everyone continue to:

REDUCE solid waste generated;

REUSE items over and over again;

RECYCLE as much waste material as possible allowing remanufacture into new products.

The Committee is also looking for two new members to fill the vacancies. We meet monthly and need all the help we can get. Thank you.

— SKIP GRADY
PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
JOAN DRAPEAU
KATE GLANZ
ANNE LOOMIS
CATHARINA DE JONG

HIGHWAY DIVISION

This was an unusual winter with a total of 31 snow and ice events. It would snow, then rain or the temperature would rise above freezing and the snow and ice would either melt or be washed away. There was no more than perhaps 10 inches of snow on the ground at any one time. 1,800+/- cubic yards of salt/sand mix was used and over 950 tons of salt was used.

The same pattern resumed this fall. As of November 25th we have already had 8 feet of snow

- The Cowell Drive, Sauer Terrace and Glassford Lane area was repaired after the completion of the waterline upgrade in the neighborhood.

- Old Landing Road received the top 1 inch wearing course of hot-top after last year's waterline upgrade and road reclamation in that area.

- The sidewalk on Mill Road was overlayed with 1" of hottop. The area from Main Street to just adjacent to McDaniel Drive was done by Northern Utilities. From that point to Woodridge Road the work was contracted.

- The Highway Division crews were very busy backing shoulders

two drive pipes replaced.

- The Town-wide spring cleanup was completed with the following material picked up:

*36 loads of bulky waste
equaling 111 tons*

150 tires

30 refrigerators

*50 units of white goods
(stoves, washers, etc.)*

*450 cubic yards of loose
metal*

- Fall cleanup of leaves, garden waste and brush netted 66 dump truck loads of brush and 8.85 tons of leaves. Leaves were taken to ERRCO for recycling.

- The "open winter" enabled the Division to do some street sweeping in the downtown area and the other curbed streets in the town confines. Sweeping started in January and was done any time that the snow had melted away from the curbsings. In addition, town-wide spring sweeping of all roads and sidewalks was completed.

- The Division received some new equipment the first part of March. An eight foot Fisher Minute Mount snow plow was purchased for the Highway Superintendent's pickup truck. A 16 inch self-contained pavement saw was purchased to allow the Division to be able to recut any road or trench excavations that were performed for repairs. This tool will give a straight and uniform edge to repave to. In the past, a jack hammer and

pavement chisel was used. This left a ragged and fractured edge to pave to. A new 3-5 ton dump truck and plow to replace a 1985 truck and a new sidewalk plow to replace the 1983 sidewalk plow unit have been speced out for December bidding.

- The early fall of 1997 saw the Highway Division moving in to its new facility on Stone Quarry Drive. What a nice modern facility it is! Anyone who missed the Open House on September 27th should stop by and take a peek. Thanks to all who made this possible.

- In August Charlton "Chuck" Dill, Highway Foreman, resigned after over 10 years with the Department to pursue other job opportunities. In November, Mike Douglas, an employee of the Department since 1989, was promoted to the Highway Foreman position. We will miss Chuck, especially on those cold winter nights, but are looking forward to working with Mike in his new position.

1998 GOALS

- Another aggressive resurfacing program to include Canney Road, Wednesday Hill Road, Pettee Brook Lane and the downtown area of Main Street has been proposed.

- Faculty Road and downtown sidewalks have been recommended for resurfacing.

January	13" snow	2.5" rain
February.....	5" snow	1.0" rain
March	21" snow	2.5" rain

and sleet and freezing rain. Both events occurred on weekends

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- This year's road resurfacing program consisted of a major resurfacing of Madbury road from Main Street to the NHDOT right-of-way at the Madbury Road and Route 4 lights. An average of 1½ inches of asphalt was laid on the travel portion of the road. All intersecting roads, driveways and drainage swales and ditches were tied in. Many small drainage problems were also solved.

with crushed gravel and relandscaping any grassy areas that were disturbed during the paving operations.

- The cul-de-sacs on the following roads were widened—Williams Way, Tirrell Place, Bucks Hill Road, Partridgeberry Lane and Sumac Lane. Unfortunately, Mother nature dropped snow on us before we were able to pave the areas. These areas will be paved in '98.

- Numerous minor drainage problems were addressed town-wide. An area along Woodridge Road (400' +/-) was ditched and

● Numerous drainage repairs not attended to in 1997 are planned. Cleaning of roadway cross culverts and catch basins that are showing signs of fatigue.

● The Mill Pond Road culvert replacement project will be moved forward to 1998.

● Continue to work on and complete our storage areas at the new Public Works Facility; surface the yard drive areas and aprons.

● Continue to provide as high as possible level of service to the Town's residents.

— BRIAN S. BEERS
SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

SOLID WASTE DIVISION

This report is dedicated to William Skinner who resigned from the Recycling Committee to pursue another project. Bill was on the recycling committee since its inception

and was chairman for the past nine years. Bill has and continues to "walk the walk" when it comes to recycling. A more complete recycler cannot be found in Durham or the northeast for that matter!

Thanks for you guidance, Bill, you will be missed!

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

● In early 1997 we took delivery on the new Refuse Packer. This unit replaces a 1982 packer which was sorely in need of replacement. The new vehicle is equipped with a hydraulically operated

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SOLID WASTE DIVISION STATISTICS

TONS OF MATERIAL MARKETED

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Fiber	404	520	586	572	666	618
Glass	234	231	256	228	239	173
Aluminum/Steel	49	51	50	47	41	29
Comingled Containers	0	0	0	0	18	72
Plastics	19	27	33	25	41	20
Textiles	0	0	8	8	7	4
Dry Cell Batteries	0	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	706	829	933	881	1,013	917

Recycling Revenue	\$14,199	\$18,038	\$38,042	\$62,800	\$12,269	\$12,500
Tip Fee Avoidance	\$40,242	\$47,253	\$51,315	\$43,900	\$46,934	\$43,564

OTHER MATERIAL RECYCLED

Scrap Metal (tons)	81	66	80	79	77	94
Car Batteries (each)	75	100	150	144	147	72
Car Tires (each)	900	835	750	755	875	1,330
Waste Oil (gallons)	1,100	1,200	1,225	995	1,133	1,156
Oil Filters (each)	0	0	0	600	525	300
Oil Based Paint (gallons)	0	0	0	450	750	440
Leaves Collected @ Curb	—	—	—	—	8	9

MATERIAL DISPOSED

REFUSE (TONS)

Curbside Collection	1,260	1,252	1,298	1,283	1,276	1,310
Commercial	1,503	1,566	1,467	1,469	729	1,160
Refuse Total	2,763	2,818	2,765	2,752	2,005	2,470
Bulky Waste (tons)	375	373	431	490	613	547
Hazardous Waste (gallons)	1,260	1,345	0	1,675	0	890
SWMF Permits Issued	255	250	749	729	823	762

SOLID WASTE, CONTINUED

lifter, which will dump certain types of refuse carts automatically. We have designed and had fabricated a specialized cart, which could be used to empty heavy containers into, and the contents would then be emptied into the packer hopper automatically. A trial program for this unit is planned for 1998. The new packer is also equipped with a rear view camera to more safely facilitate backing of this large vehicle. The new unit is also designed to travel over the road to our tipping site more efficiently. The unit also has an area on the side of the body for us to advertise schedule changes and upcoming events.

- The recycling program continues to expand and change as needed. Recycling markets continue to change often, so we must adjust our program to fit the demands. Transportation of the material to the final market is also becoming an issue. To address this issue the division has looked into purchasing and operating a roll-off hauling truck in conjunction with the UNH recycling program. This appears to be a very cost efficient proposal. We have worked with UNH to develop this proposal which makes sense operationally. We continue to add new stops to our routes that are already at maximum levels. Guy Hodgdon, our Superintendent of Solid Waste, was appointed to the Northeast Resource Recovery

Association Board of Trustees in 1997. In addition to his work with the NRRA Marketing Committee, this enables Durham to have early knowledge of program or market changes as well as a direct voice in the operations of this vibrant organization. As a result of this involvement, Durham has been the innovator in many programs for New Hampshire. Among these are the textile recycling, paint recycling, battery recycling, aerosol cans recycling, and the recycling of certain types of plastics. This year, again, we will recycle over 1,000 tons of material at the curb-side.

- A task force was appointed this year to look into the feasibility of the Town and UNH cooperating their efforts from one new site. As UNH and the Town may have to move their operations in the future, it makes sense to move them jointly. A final report from this task force should be available in early 1998.

- The recycling vehicle has received some modifications of the body to operate more safely. This idea was a result of consultation with our workers compensation carrier.

- The Oyster River Middle School students did a report on our recycling program during the summer. This report was submitted to the Town Council in the fall. Some recommendations from this report

have been instituted and others are in the formulation stage.

- At the end of 1997 the Recycling Committee started reviewing some options for increased recycling from our commercial district. This program will be reviewed more in depth in 1998.

1998 GOALS

- Increase commercial participation in the recycling program by providing a means for businesses to recycle mixed office paper in large quantities.

- Purchase of a new recycling vehicle.

- Purchase of a new skid steer loader for the recycling and solid waste management programs.

- Work more closely with the Oyster River schools to improve their recycling programs.

- Continue review of the various options for closing the Durham Landfill site.

- Continue to pursue cooperative programs with UNH.

The telephone numbers for the Solid Waste Division are 868-1001 or 868-5578.

- GUY S. HODGDON
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER
& SOLID WASTE

WASTEWATER DIVISION

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The replacement of our two sodium hypochlorite tanks and chemical feed pumps was completed early in 1997.
- Request for proposals were compiled and sent out for sludge containers, sludge hauling services and composting services for a long term solution to the sludge disposal issue. Plan to have sludge contract hauled to the Town of Merrimack's composting facility.
- In March the Dechlorination Project, begun in 1995, was finalized.
- In May and June 59,983 feet, or 11.36 miles, of gravity sewer mains were cleaned. This continues to be a very cost effective preventive maintenance program.

● In June the wear shoes on the sludge collecting equipment in the #3 and #4 primary sedimentation tanks were replaced.

● In July five sewer manholes were raised to grade to facilitate line cleaning.

● In August 283 feet of 8 inch replacement sewer main and two new manholes were installed on Schoolhouse Lane.

● Also in August a new manhole was installed on Woodman Road to enable us to maintain the sewer main.

● In September a 13 foot collapsed section of 8 inch sewer main was replaced between Madbury Court and Strafford Avenue.

● We accepted delivery of a new Chevrolet 4 x 4 pickup truck in September to replace the 1985 4 x 4 pickup which was handed down to us from the Buildings and Grounds Division.

1998 GOALS

● Rent closed circuit television equipment and inspect the entire collection system to update records and to assist in the reduction of inflow and infiltration.

● Re-roof the 32 year old roof on the Treatment Plant Control Building.

● Replace hollow metal doors in the sludge processing building with non-corrosive fiberglass doors.

● Begin engineering to address requirements of new discharge permit expected from EPA spring of 98.

— DUANE L. WALKER
SUPERINTENDENT OF
WASTEWATER

WASTEWATER VITAL STATISTICS (12 MONTHS)

	PERMIT PARAMETERS	AVG. 1997 TOTAL	AVG. 1996 TOTAL	AVG. 1995 TOTAL
Avg Flow MGD	n/a	1.13	1.28	0.96
Effluent TSS (MG/L)	30 MG/L	11 MG/L	15.2 MG/L	19.1MG/L
Avg % TSS Removal	min. 85%	95.9	93.7	92.2
Effluent BOD (MG/L)	30 MG/L	8.6	10.5	15.1
Avg % BOD Removal	min. 85%	95.1	92.5	93.4
Total Flow (MG)		411.00	386.22	348.00
Septage Received (GAL)		82,700	82,500	411,900

MGD.....Million Gallons per Day MG/L. . . . Milligrams per Liter
TSS.....Total Suspended Solids MG Million Gallons
BOD.....Biochemical Oxygen Demand GAL Gallons

WATER DIVISION

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

● Completed the third year of the water main replacement program and did the following roads:

Cowell Drive
Sauer Terrace
Glassford Lane
Schoolhouse Lane

● New water line was installed from the end of our distribution system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility to the Durham Business Park on Route 4.

● Hired a new Water Technician, Dwight Richard, early in 1997. Dwight has been busy learning our water system and the various aspects of his job.

● Continue to meet regularly on an operational level with UNH as our distribution systems are connected. We carry out many programs cooperatively with UNH to better facilitate an efficient operation.

● Started the process of installing remote monitoring devices for the chemicals that are injected at the Lee Well facility. This is a requirement of NHDES for non-manned stations. These devices will be linked to computers and dialers at both the UNH Treatment Facility and the Town Water division.

● Worked with Northern Utilities who continue to hookup new services as well as service those residences that are already connected to natural gas.

● Developed and instituted a revised meter reading program. This program was done in close cooperation with UNH to assure that ALL the system meters were read at the same time period. This data will help as we continue to pursue our "lost water" figure that is in our bi-yearly billing.

● Completed hydrant flushing in the spring. The fall flush had to be cancelled due to the drought and low water supply in the reservoir.

● Completed the water main valve operating program. This program helps insure that we can operate the valves to isolate a section of pipe in the case of a water main failure.

● Completed painting and repairs to some of our water facilities.

● Completed yearly preventative maintenance on our cathodic protection devices and the main PARCO valve at the Lee Well.

● Completed our move into the Public Works Facility on Stone Quarry Drive. For the first time in over 30 years ALL our water parts and tools are in one place plus we can house the water vehicle inside. This greatly improves efficiency as well as security.

● Completed the hydrant antifreeze program for the winter months.

1998 GOALS

● Continue to pursue automated meter reading for the system. This will greatly improve the efficiency and accuracy of the meter reading and billing program.

● Continue improving and/or replacing failing water main throughout town.

● Complete development and printing of a construction and policy manual.

● Continue mandated testing of the system according to EPA and State regulations.

● Continue to work towards total customer satisfaction and quick response to customers requests.

● Start a hydrant painting rotation to facilitate painting at 5-year intervals.

● Increase production of the Lee Well from 175,000 gpd to 325,000 gpd to the system.

● Replace the last 580 feet of water line on Woodman Road using "in-house" labor.

The telephone numbers for the Water Division are 868-1001 or 868-5578

- GUY S. HODGDON
SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER
& SOLID WASTE

WATER DIVISION STATISTICS

ACTIVITY	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
Water Line Failures	8	12	5	11	5	3
New Residential Services	7	4	8	3	7	10
New Sprinkler Systems	3	0	9	3	6	1
Meters Repaired/Replaced	39	57	29	23	9	26
Hydrants Repaired/Replaced	0	11	4	11	3	4
General System Repairs	20	25	20	14	16	22

TREE WARDEN

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Removal of twenty-four dead or hazardous trees from Town property or rights-of-way.

- Continued administration of the Small Business Administration Tree Planting Grant. This grant allowed the Town to purchase and plant ten deciduous trees at the Father Lawless playing fields.

- The Town was honored with its 19th consecutive Tree City USA Award. Durham has been awarded Tree City USA since 1978 and is the longest running Tree City Town in the State.

- The Town received the NH Beautification Award which was presented to Town officials at a ceremony with the Governor on June 27, 1997.

- The Tree Warden received the International Society of Arboriculture's Gold Leaf Award in September. The award is presented to a professional in the New England region for outstanding landscape beautification activities.

- The Town received a 3-inch caliper Red Oak tree from the NH Electric Cooperative. The Tree is intended to symbolize the reforestation of Town land in which trees are trimmed or removed for utility line maintenance.

1998 GOALS

- Aggressive removal of any remaining elm trees inflicted with Dutch Elm disease along the Town's right-of-way.

- Pursue the Town's 20th straight Tree City USA award.

- Make an application for the NH Community Beautification Award which is granted to three cities or towns who show a significant town-wide beautification program.

- Assist Town residents with landscape or tree concerns.

- MICHAEL LYNCH
TREE WARDEN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CREW BUILDING THE ROAD LEADING TO THE NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY



health and **WELFARE**

C.O.A.S.T.

COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE FOR SEACOAST TRANSPORTATION

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Safe and timely movement of nearly 313,000 persons on public transit in 35 towns and cities, within budget.

- Establishment of a regional coordination dispatch center intended to maximize delivery of total regional transit and para-transit services in Strafford and Rockingham County.

- Conduct of Strategic, Maintenance, Financial, Capital, and Americans with Disabilities Act planning to insure COAST, and especially the communities we serve, benefit from excellent planning of our growing regional transit system.

- Close liaison with the Seacoast Metropolitan Planning Organization in the implementation of the region's 20 year transit plan, progressing transit growth into the 20th century.

- Maintained our status as one of the most cost-effective transit operators in Northern New England, and among the most cost-effective in the United States, per the National Transit Database Report.

- In 1997 COAST underwent a comprehensive strategic planning process known as "COAST 2000." COAST 2000 is characterized by total community participation to insure as COAST enters the year 2000, we are responsive to communities' transportation needs. The COAST Board of Directors was extremely committed to insuring that this process involved municipal and business leaders, passengers, and other interested parties to the greatest extent possible.

- Committee members participated in mapping out the future of the region's transportation system. By products from the COAST 2000 process will be utilized for long range planning and project orientation. It is vitally important communities participate in the planned utilization of their regional assets.

1998 GOALS

- Our number one goal for 1998 is our ongoing development of the Regional Transportation Coordination and Consolidation (TC2) program.

- Currently the Strafford and Rockingham Coordination and Consolidation Council is working to cooperatively improve the total public funded transportation efforts of over 20 transportation providers within Strafford and Rockingham

Counties.

With state-of-the-art computer software at the dispatch center, coupled with over 96 transit vehicles within the region equipped with "mobile data terminals," cost effective, timely and environmentally friendly transit will become the standard within the region.

- COAST will continue the replacement process of the public fleet of buses it owns, with a transition to a mixed sized fleet of vehicles.

- COAST bus acquisitions are a 12-year decision. Operational experiences at COAST in the previous 10 years has demonstrated we do not always require the same size buses we are operating. We anticipate replacement of fleet vehicles in the 1998-2000 time frame. We have already secured over \$2,500,000 for this effort, and are required to place orders for these vehicles 12 to 24 months in advance.

- NANCY KILBRIDE
ACTING EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR
862-1931/1944

MY FRIEND'S PLACE

My Friend's Place provides

emergency and transitional shelter for homeless people in Strafford County. Both individuals and families are welcome to stay at the shelter and have an average stay of one month for individuals and two months for families. While at the shelter, residents focus on their own needs as developed in their individual plans. Personal goals could include budget training, employment, counseling, and housing.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Served 200 individuals for a total of 5036 bed days

- Opened two additional transitional housing units in Dover to serve families long term

- Hired a new staff person to provide homeless prevention and work with Transitional Housing Program

- Purchased two new buildings. One building has two transitional housing units and opened in November 1997. The second building is to be renovated and opened in 1998

- ROBERT M. O'CONNEL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
(603) 749-3017

WELFARE DIRECTOR

This year the Department helped six people with medicine, food, and rent. Jennie Berry and myself have spent many hours attending meetings and reading material on the new welfare system that the State is developing. The new Federal law states that there is a lifetime limit of five years for welfare benefits. This does not, however, relieve the Town of its responsibility to provide welfare to its residents who are in need of assistance. This service is available to all residents of the Town and use of the service is confidential.

- CLARA VARNEY,
WELFARE DIRECTOR

LAMPREY HEALTH CARE

Lamprey Health Care provides a variety of services to residents of your community. 1997 marked 26 years of providing service to our communities. We are very proud of this achievement and wish to thank the citizens of the Town of Durham for their continuing support so that we can continue to provide service to our neighbors and communities.

The Senior Citizen Transportation Program operated by Lamprey Health Care is one of the most important services provided to residents of the area. The busses provide necessary transportation for food shopping, medical appointments, the pharmacy and for recreational trips. Residents are picked up at their homes and are assisted with bundles and with shopping if necessary. The Senior Transportation Program is affiliated with COAST.

All seven of the busses operated by this program are handicapped accessible. Special appointments which cannot be incorporated into the specific routes serving your area are arranged through the Transportation Coordinator and a group of volunteers. The Program almost operates as a "Friendly Callers" program in that the seniors who ride

are in contact with the program, and if not, they are checked on to be sure that everything is all right. The Transportation Health Workers (drivers) from the program also do necessary errands for their riders if they are unable to do them due to illness, etc. This program does a great deal toward keeping our elderly population healthy, independent and in their homes.

The medical services provided by Lamprey Health Care include primary medical care, health promotion and education and social services. Increased capacity in both our Raymond and our Newmarket centers allows Lamprey Health Care to serve the residents of our local area in a timely and efficient manner. Staffing for both Centers includes nine Board Certified Family Physicians and one Pediatrician. Five Nurse Practitioners and a support staff of Registered and Licensed Practical Nurses and Community Health Workers round out the medical team. Medical care provided includes prenatal care, adult medicine and geriatric medicine, as well as, screenings and follow up for various medical conditions.

Lamprey Health Care has a primary mission to provide for the total health needs of the residents of our service area. From prenatal to geriatric care and from primary health to transportation for seniors we take great pride

in the services provided to the communities we serve. A reminder that Lamprey Health Care provides comprehensive information and referral through INFO-LINK available free at 1-888-499-2525 - Monday through Friday from 8AM - 6PM. INFO-LINK can help local residents find the answers and support they need when they have a question about a service or type of assistance. INFO-LINK is "your link to community services". Thank you again to the Town of Durham.

- ANN H. PETERS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

HEALTH OFFICER

The Year 1997 was an unusually healthy year for Durham residents on the whole, as measured by the number and seriousness of calls to the health officer. The health officer assisted townspeople with required day care and foster home care inspections. Numerous other matters of public health concern were attended to including requests for information concerning lead paint, asbestos, and elderly care, as examples.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- The health officer enrolled in a three day FDA course in food safety in which he became certified to apply, enforce and interpret the newly written and voluminous "1997 FDA Food Code".

- The health officer, through a funded grant from the NHDHHS, has worked this year to establish an electronic graphical communication network, "NH Healthnet". This system will provide access to the Internet, contribute a Web site for all persons interested in public health and will provide a file transfer protocol server to health officers. Through hardware provided by the grant, several selected NH cities will cooperate in pilot efforts to make the system as effective as possible.

1998 GOALS

- Conduct health inspections on behalf of the town and respond to telephone inquiries by residents.
- Draft a state grant proposal to establish a second phase for NH Healthnet. The purpose will be to provide access to it by (1) additional cities which do not already have electronic communication capacity and, especially, (2) small towns.
- Keep in shape as a health officer by attending scheduled conferences and meetings.

- RICHARD P. BLAKEMORE
COMMUNITY HEALTH OFFICER
868-2073

SEXUAL ASSAULT SUPPORT SERVICES

Sexual Assault Support Services

offers the following services: 24 hour toll-free rape crisis hotline, advocacy (medical, emotional and legal) for survivors of sexual assault, support groups for survivor's their patents and partners, did sexual assault prevention programs and adolescent workshops (K-12) and community service referrals.

- The program Is committal to providing support, education and advocacy to all survivors of sexual violence and their loved ones. It also provides extensive services for survivors of Incest and childhood sexual assault.

- Sexual Assault Support Services is committed to providing school and community education programs to help prevent sexual violence and guarantee appropriate response and support for the survivors, to help them in their recovery process Volunteers are welcome and are utilized in any and all aspects of the program.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Initiated an outreach campaign utilizing newspapers, posters and slickers to the entire com-

munity about the toll-free crisis hotline and information and referral services

- Outreached to entire community about support groups available to survivors, parents and partners

- Presented our education/prevention program to children and teachers in area schools-reached 478 students in Durham schools during 48 hours of presentations

- Individual crisis services and/or informational services to 23 residents of Durham

GOALS FOR 1998

- Continue outreach and provision of all services to residents of the Durham community.

- DIANE STRADLING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STRAFFORD COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, INC.

1998 GOALS

- With an ongoing partnership between the Town and SCCAC, we will continue to provide programs critical to the needs of otherwise vulnerable and unprotected citizens.

— ROBERT MARSHALL
DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
& PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT
749-1334

In 1997
Strafford County
Community
Action Committee, Inc.
(SCCAC) appreciated Town
support in delivering vital
services to low income and
at risk elderly households.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Fuel assistance (16 households) and energy conservation measures (3 households).

- Assistance with home weatherization (2 households).

- Assistance with rent/utilities (4 households) and security deposits (3 households).

- Transportation to medical appointments (492 rides) and access to a personal emergency response system (3 persons).

- Provision of food via food pantries (24 households).

- Delivery of holiday baskets (11 households).

- Information and referral services (588 units).

- A value of \$16,488 in goods and services, exclusive to Durham.

A FRIENDLY GAME OF WATER POLO, ONE OF THE UNH POOL'S MOST POPULAR ACTIVITIES, IS ENJOYED BY PARTY GOER'S
Photo courtesy of Lorry Flint.



culture and **RECREATION**

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The 1997 objectives for the Parks and Recreation Committee were to continue successful initiatives; maintain the trails upgrade efforts; monitor parks and facilities; and promote adult athletic programs.

Many of the events this past year were created by Larry Flint, our Town Parks and Recreation Advocate, to satisfy a growing need and to enhance the "Durham Community Spirit." The Father-Daughter Valentine's Day Dance, Easter Egg Hunt, Haunted Hayrides at Emery Farm (805 riders), Candy Corn Festival, and several bus trips (sports events, Secret Gardens Tour, Boston Flower show, N.H. Foliage Trip) were some of his initiatives. Other programs such as the 4th of July fireworks and Durham Day Picnic were up and running when he arrived, but were shifted to him for direction, supervision and improvement.

The '97 Summer Concert Series was a totally new venture meant to create an entertaining and festive occasion for all members of our community. This six-week program,

with different performers each Sunday evening, began a new tradition of the people coming together to enjoy music and each other's company. The success of the series prompted the town to add the Labor Day Concert to welcome the returning college students.

During the spring an agreement was negotiated with James Dreher of the Durham Boat Club to give introductory lessons to Durham residents interested in sculling. Mr. Dreher was happy to provide this service to compensate the town for the boat club's continued use of the town's 10' by 70' portion of the UNH boat building on Jackson's Landing.

The spring flower planting sessions have become a traditional joint effort between the committee and Mike Lynch of the Building and Grounds Section of the Public Works Department. The positive feedback from the community plus the willing help of volunteers makes this beautification of our town possible. In addition to plantings in town, ten patches of wild flowers were attempted on the north slope of Wagon Hill Farm and it is hoped that they will thrive and spread. A town that plants flowers is a town that cares.

In our small town there is a fine line

between necessary public direction with signs and sign pollution. Signage for specific guidance and direction is sometimes required in order to ensure police enforcement. New informational signage has been installed at Jackson's Landing, the Path to Cocheco Trail and at the Doe Farm. With a dog policy established at Wagon Hill Farm, a separate sign supporting that policy has been installed. Dog owners who ignore this voluntary compliance request will see the "dog droppings" aspects made more stringent. We are hoping to avoid unpleasant enforcement tactics.

The Doe Farm access road has had several culverts replaced, side drainage improved and vegetation cleared back several feet from the side of the road. The Bennett Farm road entrance area parking lot can accommodate about seven vehicles. John Churchill and family, along with the P & R Chairman, worked several weeks on the access road and the parking area. Robin Rice has been leading Boy Scouts in widening the trails and Craig Mills is working on interpretive signs and clearing out a cellar hole. This project will help to qualify them for the Eagle Scout Community Service Award. In contrast to the open spaces

ambiance at Wagon Hill, the Doe Farm is a treasure of deep forest along the "Wild and Scenic" Lamprey River.

This year the Oyster River Youth Association continued to improve the ice rink facility at Jackson's Landing. More perimeter concrete walking areas were made and heated toilet facilities were added. Close liaison and coordination throughout the entire building process was maintained by Douglas Churchill and the Parks and Recreation Chairman. The rink has become a phenomenal asset to our community and much praise for its success goes to the ORYA volunteers and especially to the selfless, tireless and enduring fortitude of Douglas Churchill.

During the year Lynn Allen and Lori Wilson, together with The Parks and Recreation Committee Chairman and other town representatives, met with UNH officials to evaluate some deteriorating conditions and identify problem areas associated with the UNH outdoor swimming pool. Identifying problem areas and establishing priorities was the focus, but financial concerns for corrective action weighed heavily with the group. All agreed that the pool is a valued recreational asset for the community.

As the year drew to a close, a crowd of 400 people attended the Light Up Durham ceremony in which Governor Shaheen, UNH President Leitzel and our Council Chairman George Rief sprinkled "magic dust" to light up the town Christmas tree. This would be the last task our recreation advocate would "emcee." The two year experimental position he filled was not continued due to budgetary constraints. Perhaps this unique university town with its three town public school system will devise another solution to provide needed coordination and leadership in the recreation area.

Larry Flint tackled such events as the youth dance with DARE, state coordination for the Fleer Diamond Skills Baseball Competition and the Hershey Track and Field Competition. He also worked with the high school FAST team and the CHAIN program. Through the Durham Business Association he chaired an events committee which gave rise to the Spring Fling in April and the Taste of Durham in the fall. There is no doubt that Larry Flint will be missed and volunteers will now have to see what programs might be continued or salvaged.

Negotiations are in progress with the president of ORYA, Mr. Jeffrey Sohl, and the Executive Director, Ms. Cathy Caron, to deter-

mine if that organization might expand its operation to include Durham coed adult volleyball, adult basketball and a summer youth dance.

Many thanks are given to the three part-time students who assisted with the recreation programming and to UNH Recreation Management Programing Class 557 who took the challenge to help create effective programs.

Additional thanks go to the town employees from all departments who have lent support and encouragement. Finally, much appreciation goes to the Durham business people, participants, parents and volunteers who are the essential ingredient for success. Thank you to you all.

- RICHARD H. DEWING
CHAIR, PARKS &
RECREATION COMMITTEE

C.H.A.I.N. COMMITTEE

The Community Health Action and

Information Network was formed by community members to look at issues that impact our young people. The goal of CHAIN is to link the four communities of Durham, Lee, Madbury, and UNH toward strengthening our families.

CHAIN has had a busy and productive year. Through grants from the parents association at UNH, fund raising, and the cooperation of university students, the TAP Survey was administered to the 7 through 12 grades in the Oyster River School District. The survey asked questions about a wide range of subjects including demographics, study habits, activities, drug and alcohol use, sexual activity, parental communication and supervision. The results of the survey were tallied and reported first to our students in the high and middle schools and then in public forums.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Created a Coalition between UNH and community
- Administered the Teen Assessment Project to 833 students
- Announced results (by Oyster River Students:

- To peers
- To community
- To School Board
- To Rotary

● Conducted Community forums on alcohol abuse

1998 GOALS

- Continue information flow to the community and its students

For more information visit our web site:

<http://www.dnh.mv.net/ipusers/orol/district/orgsl-chain/tapl997/index.html>

- MARCIA D. WALENTA
CHAIR

DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

In March, 1996, the townspeople of Durham voted in record numbers, and by a margin of 2-1, to re-establish a Public Library separate from UNH. For 90 years, the Town and UNH had combined the academic libraries of the University with the children's and browse rooms supported by the Town. The vote culminated a 4 year process which began with the establishment of a Library Services Task Force, included several public hearings and incremental Town Council votes, and saw the establishment of a Friends of the Durham Public Library group, as well as a citizen petition drive against the Library. In short, the process was a classic example of democracy at the town level.



TERRY FARISH,
DIRECTOR DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY



The successful vote released considerable resident enthusiasm and energy, and many, many volunteers pitched in to clean, paint and fix up the store front space in the Durham Plaza which is the Library's first home, and to put together shelves and, finally, put up the books. Library Director Terry Farish was hired to oversee the operation of the Library. The preparations culminated with a dedication and grand opening on July 21, with Governor Jeanne Shaheen speaking.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Designing and implementing all circulation procedures:
- Patron registration
- Control of overdue materials
- Materials reserves
- Materials processing
- Statistical compilation of records

- Materials charge and return
- Establishing acquisitions systems to acquire books and periodicals
- Establishing policies under which to develop the collection and to best meet community needs
- Developing volunteer staff. Ongoing training sessions were presented to train volunteers to circulate materials, assist with maintenance of stacks, and provide children's programming
- Establishing and implemented interlibrary loan procedures with the New Hampshire State Library
- Designing and presenting the library's first series of family programming including pre-school story times and evening family story programs.

1998 GOALS

- Developing a long range plan for providing library service to the community.
- Establishing a fundraising framework for the future.
- Developing Internet use on a third computer workstation. At this work station we will install an on-line source to access periodical articles.
- Beginning school visits by library staff mem-



TOP: GOVERNOR JEANNE SHAHEEN SPEAKS AT THE DEDICATION FOR THE NEW DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY, JULY 1997.
LEFT: HALLOWEEN FAMILY STORY TIME AT THE NEW DURHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY.
Photos courtesy of Joon Drapeau.

bers and initiating the library's first summer reading program

● Beginning a NH Humanities Council Book Discussion series and other adult book and discussion programs

— TERRY FARISH
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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LIBRARY STATISTICS

Patrons registered1,121
Materials owned29,646
Materials circulated 6,549
Materials added
to collection204
Interlibrary Loan:
Requests filled10
Requests made4
Hours open16
Expenditures
for materials\$5,600.86
Expenditures
for computers ..\$10,802.00
Expenditures
for staff\$5,112.00
Staff:½ professional
position plus volunteers

OYSTER RIVER YOUTH ASSOCIATION SUMMARY OF REGISTRATIONS 1996-1997 BY SPORT/TOWN/GENDER

	DURHAM		LEE		MADBURY		OTHER		TOTAL
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	
FALL SPORTS									
Soccer Clinic	14	10	15	4	3	1	2	1	50
Soccer Mites	60	4	30	5	11	0	6	0	116
Soccer-GirlsMites	0	27	0	22	0	5	0	3	57
Soccer-PeeWee	32	1	29	2	14	0	2	2	82
Soccer-GirlsPeeWees	0	21	0	16	0	13	0	1	51
Soccer-CoedJunior	4	9	5	2	2	0	0	0	22
Soccer-CoedSenior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer-Girls Travel	0	43	0	24	0	5	0	0	72
Soccer-BoysTravel	78	0	43	0	11	0	3	0	135
Fall Soccer Totals	188	115	122	75	41	24	13	7	535
Fall Track and Field	5	7	4	8	5	3	1	0	33
Track & Field Totals	5	7	4	3	5	3	1	0	33
Tennis- Coed House	9	7	6	1	4	0	0	0	27
Tennis-CoedTravel	8	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	17
Tennis Totals	17	11	10	1	5	0	0	0	44
Children's Theater	5	14	1	9	0	6	0	0	35
Theater Totals	5	14	1	9	0	6	0	0	35
WINTER SPORTS									
Basketball-K-2	26	6	13	6	3	1	1	0	56
Basketball1-Boys 3-4	23	0	18	0	3	0	1	0	45
Basketball-Girls 3-4	0	11	0	13	0	5	0	0	29
Basketball1-Boys 5-6	16	0	12	0	3	0	0	0	31
Basketball-Girls 5-6	0	9	0	3	0	1	0	0	13
Trv. Basketball-Boys 5-6	15	0	12	0	3	0	0	0	30
Trv. Basketball-Girls 5-6	0	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	7
Trv. Basketball-Boys 7-8	23	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	26
Trv. Basketball-Boys 7-8	0	10	0	10	0	0	0	0	20
Basketball Totals	103	39	57	35	13	8	2	0	257
Indoor House Soccer	33	13	16	15	6	3	14	9	109
Indoor Soccer Totals	33	13	16	15	6	3	14	9	109
Swim Team	18	33	8	20	6	6	6	8	105
Swim Team Totals	18	33	8	20	6	6	6	8	105
Learn to Skate	14	5	10	1	2	0	8	4	44
Figure Skating	1	21	0	8	0	1	0	2	33
Hockey-House	15	1	5	2	0	0	6	1	30
Hockey-Girls House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hockey-Travel	46	7	30	2	10	0	20	0	115
Ice Programs Total	76	34	45	13	12	1	34	7	222
Skiing	32	19	7	5	4	1	0	0	68
Skiing Totals	32	19	7	5	4	1	0	0	68
TOTALS									
FOR ALL SPORTS	933	571	561	370	211	124	125	61	2956

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	DURHAM		LEE		MADBURY		OTHER		TOTAL
	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	BOYS	GIRLS	
SPRING SPORTS									
Soccer-Clinic	19	12	12	9	3	2	0	3	60
Soccer-Mites	47	1	23	1	12	2	2	0	88
Soccer-Giris Mites	0	27	0	22	0	5	0	3	57
Soccer-PeeWee	21	3	19	3	16	1	2	0	65
Soccer-Girls Pee Wee	0	22	0	18	0	5	0	0	45
Soccer-Coed Junior	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	7
Soccer-Coed Senior	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soccer-Girls Travel	0	47	0	23	0	5	0	1	76
Soccer-Boys Travel	57	0	37	0	6	0	5	0	105
Spring Soccer Totals	145	113	92	78	39	20	9	7	503
Baseball-TBall	36	9	24	10	5	2	2	1	89
Baseball-Minor	49	4	47	1	15	1	2	0	119
Baseball - Majors	29	0	32	0	12	0	1	0	74
Baseball-Babe Ruth	11	0	14	0	6	0	1	0	32
Baseball Totals	125	13	117	11	38	3	6	1	314
Softball-Girls House	0	11	0	18	0	6	0	0	35
Softball-Girls Travel	0	31	0	23	0	10	0	0	64
Softball Totals	0	42	0	41	0	16	0	0	99
Track and Field	14	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	40
Track & Field Totals	14	7	6	13	0	0	0	0	40
Karate	31	16	30	10	11	8	6	1	113
Karate Totals	31	16	30	10	11	8	6	1	113
SUMMER SPORTS									
Soccer Camp	49	23	14	8	8	6	24	10	142
Summer Fun Camp	6	11	3	4	2	4	0	0	30
OutdoorEd	11	5	1	1	6	1	0	0	25
Summer Camp Totals	66	39	18	13	16	11	24	10	197
Tennis Camp	18	16	10	3	1	7	3	3	61
Adult Tennis	2	3	0	5	1	2	0	1	14
Tennis Totals	20	19	10	8	2	9	3	4	75
Summer Theater	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
TheaterTotals	2	1	0	1	0	0,	0	0	4
SwimTeam	11	19	6	7	5	2	2	3	55
Swim Instruction	33	15	7	5	4	4	3	3	74
Swim Totals	44	34	13	12	9	5	5	7	129
Golf	9	2	5	2	4	0	2	0	24
Golf Totals	9	2	5	2	4	0	2	0	24

OYSTER RIVER YOUTH ASSOCIATION

This past year, ORYA had set a goal to increase participation in activities. As a result, Spring participation is up 2%, Summer participation is up 10% and Winter participation is up 14%. However, the Fall season's participation numbers were down by 4%. We attribute the loss to the number of different soccer clubs around the seacoast area. Otherwise, increased numbers are a result of an increase in the number of activities being offered as well as the popularity of standard activities.

1998 GOALS

- Continue to fine tune the existing programs as well as add new programs to continue to involve as many children from the communities of Durham, Lee and Madbury as possible.

- Focus on the field shortage situation and find solutions to this recurring dilemma.

The Oyster River Recreation Center is up and running and ready for another exciting season. The facility has many new improvements. One of the biggest is the addition of bathroom facilities and an office/concession area. Please stop by for a tour of the facility. The Recreation

Center is open year round with programs like roller hockey, indoor soccer, pre-season baseball and softball. The programming ideas are endless.

At the heart of this organization is the tremendous amount of time and energy that our volunteers contribute. ORYA is a true "Community Spirit" organization and without the spirit, hard work and dedication of the volunteers, we would be just another program.

So, here's to the hundreds of volunteers that make this organization what it is today—THE BEST!!

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Durham Conservation Commission has a state legislative mandate to inventory, manage and protect the natural resources of the town. The commission acts as an advocate for conservation in town affairs, and as a source of information for town residents.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Reviewed, on-site, eighteen applications to the

NH Wetlands Bureau by Durham property owners for projects such as dock construction, a farm pond, trail rebuilding, under ground utilities and driveway culverts.

- Sponsored a project for UNH senior students enrolled in Natural Resources 775. The students, functioning as a team of consultants, prepared a thoughtful report considering the environmental and social impacts of the proposed Loop Road and evaluated alternative approaches.

- Obtained a donation of the ARCView computer software package that will allow town officials direct access to State, Regional and University Geographic Information System maps (GRANIT).

- Worked with Sarah Thorne of the Society for Protection of NH Forests to develop a water supply land protection plan.

- Sponsored a contest to "Name that tidal wetland". In previous cooperative work with the Strafford Regional Planning Commission, thirteen tidal wetlands (salt marshes) have been delineated and evaluated, but apparently none of them have generally recognized names. A poster has been displayed and name suggestion forms distributed at the Durham days celebration and the Public Library, the contest continues.

- The Commission was pleased to honor Judith Spang and Sharon Meeker

of the Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee with the fourth annual Conservation Award.

1998 GOALS

- Cooperate with Planning Board and staff and develop conservation components of the proposed revised Master Plan.

- Continue to sponsor studies of biodiversity in and around Mill Pond, and prepare a long-range management plan for the pond.

- Working with UNH specialists and Town Public Works and planning officials, develop a water conservation policy proposal for the Town and University.

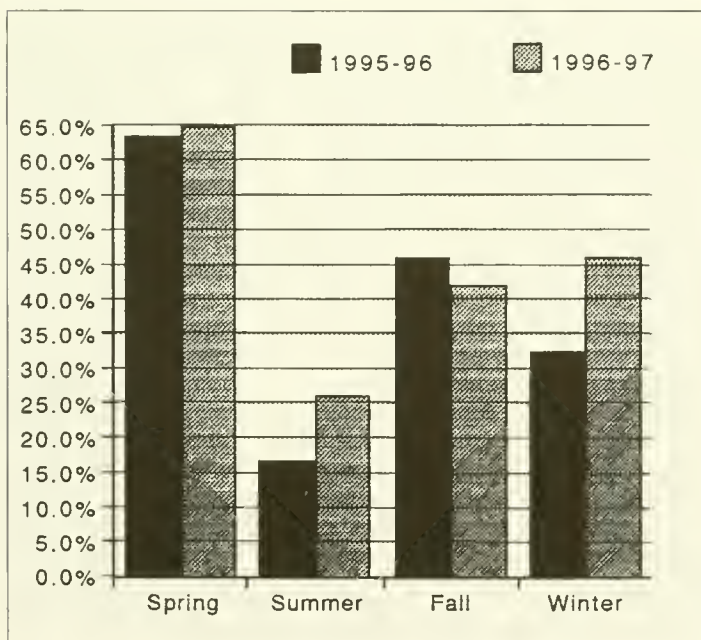
- In collaboration with the Planning Board and staff, draft an ordinance governing the application of biosolids (sewage sludge).

Residents should feel free to bring their concerns and comments to the Commission, either by letter or by participating in meetings held at Town Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

— DAVID T. FUNK
CHAIR

ORYA PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES

SEASON	1995-96	1996-97
Spring	63.4%	65.0%
Summer	16.8%	26.0%
Fall	46.0%	42.0%
Winter	32.6%	46.0%
Total ORYA	2,519	2,956
School Enrollment	1,587	1,624



DURHAM HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

The year 1997 has been a productive one. Our most able program chairman, Professor Robert Dishman opened the year with "Gravestone Art" by David Watters in January. This slide show presentation, coupled with Watter's humor and wit, revealed many interesting facets of religious, personal and cultural carvings on grave markers in our vicinity. The quarterly meeting in April took us, by way of beautiful pictures, to the Isles of Shoals. The renowned local author, Peter Randall, showed "Out on the Shoals" to the members and friends.

The Association's annual June picnic was blessed with good weather and members circulated around the picturesque Town Landing and enjoyed each other's company. As part of the picnic program, Glen Knoblock, who specializes in early burial grounds, spoke of Durham's early burial places and gave a tour of the nearby School House Lane graveyard.

The October meeting made us more aware of how our town and city commons have evolved and what visible traces of these historic places remain today. Our own Dr. Marion James took us to several well-known towns through

pictures and comments in her presentation of "Village Greens in Northern New England."

In a true historical venture Professor Robert Dishman, through many years of study and research, has compiled the most accurate list to date of Durham's Revolutionary War Veterans. The information gleaned from letters and federal documents is being shared with town officials and a special town committee comprised of Alma Tirrell, Clayton Follansbee and Walter Rous. This committee will make recommendations to the council regarding the town Memorial Park and the solution to the incomplete list of veterans on the memorial bronze plaque.

For close to eighteen years Maryanna Hatch has been the tireless and faithful curator of the Historic Association Museum. In the mid-seventies, when Mr. Wilcox could no longer perform the curator function, Maryanna Hatch took the reins and gave a whole new meaning to the word "temporary".

Her devotion and care in maintaining the museum is extraordinary. Two and three times a week for nearly eighteen years, without monetary compensation, she was a phenomenal model of community service and volunteerism. We now can only give our warmest love, fondest regards and heartfelt thanks to this lady who has given so much in the preservation of our town's artifacts and

history. Thank you, Maryanna, from the bottom of our hearts.

A faithful and diligent helper to Maryanna for the past fifteen years has been Mary Holder. We are much indebted to her for her selfless service in the museum, a dedication that exemplifies what makes our system work. Her move from Durham to Waterloo, Ontario is a considerable loss to our organization. Our thanks flow out to her and she will be sorely missed.

Spearheaded by the efforts of Margaret Sumner, the Association developed an afghan as a much needed fund raiser. Historic buildings and familiar views of Durham are woven into the tri-colored afghan. The first order of 225 was nearly gone by the onset of Christmas shopping. The Durham history books, as well as other books about local history, classic local recipes, etc. are available. Proceeds from all sales are used to defray operating costs. Our only other source of revenue is from gifts and membership dues. Afghans may be purchased for \$45.00 at either the museum or at the Durham Town Clerk's Office.

Our new Director, Craig J. Brown, has been on board since spring and Mayanna Hatch helped to make the transition smooth for him. Alma Tirrell, Trudy Wells and Margaret Sumner, of the museum committee, have all worked

closely with Mr. Brown and have shared the operating days when our museum is open to the public. Recently tours of school children have been coordinated with Ms. Carol Lincoln and Mr. Mark Milliken in which segments of the fourth grade come to the museum to research specific aspects of Durham's history. The museum staff will continue to work with the Oyster River School District to serve as a resource in the teachings of Durham's history.

We welcome volunteers to work with us at the museum and we encourage all Durham residents and visitors to view our displays and visit with us on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

The association's newsletter, a quarterly publication, is sent to all members and is written by Sally Ford. Her special touch with this letter, which always brings us gems of the past as well as pertinent notes and reminders of the present, is a joy for all to read. Consider receiving this letter and enjoying the quarterly meetings by becoming a member or giving a gift membership. It is as simple as sending a check for \$5.00 to The Durham Historic Association: Box 305, Durham, N.H. 03824.

— RICHARD DEWING
PRESIDENT

THE YEAR OF THE SWAN-1997

At the end of February a pair of white swans splashed into a pocket of water in the frozen mill pond. Snow falling like confetti over the birds made them appear like a bridal couple. As expected the swans flew off for several days on their honeymoon leaving only their tracks in the snow.

The frozen pond was invaded by ice skaters while little animals such as otters climbed the banks and porcupines appeared in the road.

In 60° March weather the swans returned in a "family way" and started tending a nest in the middle of the pond. A spring snow-

storm completely covered the pair making them look like a huge snowball.

By April 15 the swans had settled into alternating turns sitting on the nest. It was difficult to figure out which bird laid the egg. On the ground the earthworms were everywhere as were the robins pulling them out of the soil.

By May 22, the swans were aggressive and unfriendly. It was the signal for a swan watch to observe the first baby swans (cygnets) hatching. From the high rise housing near the pond, Liz and Doug Guy reported on May 27 that four tiny youngsters had arrived. Soon more birds appeared totaling seven gray, white or yellow babies. To honor the event the bull frogs celebrated with their yodeling sounds.

On June 1, only 6 very dirty cygnets could be seen. Everyone wanted to

cuddle them when the parents were not looking. At the edge of the pond painted turtles and snapping turtles were laying their eggs. During the night skunks dug out the eggs to eat and left holes to snare the walker.

From June 23 the swan family was enjoying all the attention of numerous watchers. Only 5 cygnets showed up. In July hordes of mallard ducks overwhelmed the swans. All the birds were very hungry and seemed to compete for food. The cygnets were growing and developing feathers and wings. The adult swans seemed very aggressive with so much competition!

The mother swan took over the lead in August. The family waited to watch her before they came onto the land. The father swan always let out a "whoop" if a dog or cat appeared. By August 14 the swan family was forming a

long white chain as they swam around the pond. They would emerge on land together to feed on grain and bread. Swans are vegetarians. At times, I thought the male swan would eat me. I had to let him know who was boss by shoving a bagel at him. Yet occasionally I got nipped when I wasn't watching, and the cygnets boldly grabbed food from my hand. They had gotten larger than the parents but still were shedding baby feathers and replacing them with white ones. The parents also were shedding old white feathers. No one was leaving until fully feathered.

Besides mallard ducks and many human visitors, other animal life came, especially at feeding time. Those small coots water birds, and diving grebes flew in as well as loons.

One late afternoon a beaver came up to eat along with the swans and a dainty white egret. Chipmunks and squirrels and small birds darted in and out as well as mocking birds and crows. Nearby on a tall tree a pileated woodpecker showed up to join the others. The non-vegetarians, such as turtles and mink will eat a young swan which can account for their disappearance. One white cygnet experimented flying and hit the wires. Others fell over the dam while two were observed in the estuary.

The fact that some young swans are born gray, white, or yellow is a gene



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variation much the same as people can have black, red or blond hair. Many folks wondered if it was a sex determinant, but only the development of the big black knob on the bill shows that it is a male. Another frequently asked question is whether swans can take off from land as well as from water. It is not as easy but they can.

On October 18 dragon flies rested on the backs of the swans. Their gossamer wings glistened against the white feathers giving a jewel-like appearance. How lucky we are to have these beautiful birds.' There was a pair at Beard's Creek but no youngsters. The same was true for Newmarket. It was a year of low swan production. Of our 7 cygnets only two survived.

The swans do not fly south but to the open saltwater of Great Bay in winter and will only do so when they have full flight feathers and the pond is frozen. After the birds depart, there is no prediction where they will settle. Our hope is that the original swan pair will leave safely and not hit the wires and return home in the same way next spring. They give so much pleasure to the young and old of Durham and the surrounding towns.

— MARGERY MILNE
SWAN KEEPER

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

It was a relatively quiet year. Aside from continued shepherding of the Frost-Sawyer renovations, the Commission had only one major project to consider: the Durham Community Church's proposal to replace its community building. Despite approval of the demolition of the existing structure, with careful attention to the preservation of the historic "vestry" addition, and the approval of plans for a new structure designed with an eye to compliment and not detract from the beautiful and historic sanctuary, the project has, as of this writing, not yet begun.

The Commission issued three other Certificates of Approval in 1997 including signage for the Durham Art Association,

window renovations at the Fitzgerald-Rice house, and the extensive foundation work at the Worthen house.

The Three Chimneys Inn opened for business on December 29, 1997. The Commission expects to hear again from the Durham Community Church. Other projects are only in the preliminary discussion phase, foremost among them being the Main Street and Route 108 intersection—the "gateway" to Durham, will provide an opportunity for the Commission to influence the beautification of that area.

The Commission has been diminished by the resignation of two members in 1997. Marion James, long-time member and chair of the Commission stepped down in April and Mary Margaret Jaques resigned shortly thereafter.

In the coming year, the Commission would like to present an informational forum for all landowners of

the District with the intention of acquainting them with the potential benefits of living or working in a historic district. The Commission is also investigating the possibility of placing plaques bearing the construction date on significant historical structures. Citizens of Durham with an interest in the ongoing effort to preserve and enjoy our town's cultural and architectural history are encouraged to participate in the Commission's meetings and projects.

— J.L. WALSH
CHAIR

THE NEWLY RENOVATED "THREE CHIMNEYS INN", WHICH OPENED ITS DOORS ON DECEMBER 29, 1997.



special advisory COMMITTEES

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Economic Development Committee is to promote appropriate community economic development and to implement the relevant goals and objectives of the 1995 Community Development Plan. In short, the Committee's task is to find ways to stabilize the residential tax burden through the promotion of balanced economic development in a manner that maintains the unique character of Durham. The Committee consists of Homer Chalifoux, David Garvey, David J. Murphy, Kenneth Young, William J. Healy, Alex Auty (co-chair), Donald Gray (co-chair), Vi B. McNeill (council representative), Mal Sandberg (council representative) and Bruce Bragdon (council representative).

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Spent the first part of the year studying the numerous and complex issues this task presents. The Committee deliberations included:

- Workshop with the Planning Board and Historic District Commission to determine how and where economic

development should occur and what changes need to be made to accomplish economic development objectives.

- Meetings with Town Staff to discuss possible goals for increases in new commercial/ industrial tax assessment and to examine what mix of new development might be appropriate for Durham.

- Presentation by an economic development corporation director on the mechanics of an economic development corporation and how such an organization could assist Durham in promoting balanced economic growth.

The EDC took action on the following items:

- Formulation of recommendations to the Town Council on land acquisition. In this regard the EDC agreed that the Committee should not be involved in land acquisition. However, the EDC did convey for Council consideration its views regarding land use priorities including, among others, ensuring sufficient land in the OR and LBD zones to double the commercial/ industrial assessment and protecting open space to minimize the net taxable loss associated with residential development of single family homes.

- Recommendation to the Council for the estab-

lishment of a tax increment financing district consisting of the Durham Business Park land. The purpose of such a district is to provide a means by which the Town could recoup costs already incurred with respect to the land and finance future improvements to this land which otherwise does not generate any tax revenue. The EDC recommended that the bond financing structure be phased so that the Town costs associated with the property do not exceed the projected tax revenue stream in any phase of the project.

- Adopt for recommendation to the Council an action plan to implement balanced economic growth, the vital points of which are 1) double the commercial/ industrial assessment to approximately 26% of the overall community assessed value; 2) obtain conservation easements on privately held lands in conjunction with efforts to double the commercial assessment; 3) charter an economic development corporation to implement that growth; 4) establish a community development revolving loan fund; 5) adopt a policy to provide economic incentives to the business community to promote a change in use of the buildings in the Historic District to uses other than student housing; and 6) identify landowners in the OR zone who may be willing to com-

mit to development. A subcommittee was established to develop a detailed plan for implementation of each point.

- Organization of a series of meetings with local business and community leaders to generate interest in the formation of a not-for-profit economic development corporation.

1998 GOALS

- In the coming year the EDC expects to refine the action plan and work towards implementation of the plan.

- ALEX AUTY
AND DON GRAY
(CO-CHAIRS)

PEASE AIRPORT NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMITTEE

The Pease Airport Noise Compatibility Committee consists of representatives from various communities affected by noises at Pease, as well as representatives from various aviation users at Pease. The purpose of the Committee is to review activities at Pease as they relate to noise compatibility issues with the surrounding communities. The Committee meets quarterly, and I have attended all meetings since my appointment.

In the Spring of 1998, a noise barrier will be completed in the approximate center runway area of the airport which will be of assistance in reducing noise.

The Committee continues to monitor complaints of citizens. It is imperative that any Durham resident that has a complaint regarding aircraft activities at Pease should call the Pease Noise Complaint Line at (603) 436-6333. These complaints are reviewed at every meeting of the committee, and attempts are made to adjust, where appropriate, aircraft activity, in response to these complaints. Please be assured that if you do

not complain, there will be a presumption that Durham citizens have no complaints with the operations at Pease. Therefore, please be diligent if you have a complaint and call the Noise Complaint Line.

Please contact me at (603) 868-5858 if you have any issues with regard to the operations at Pease. Please also contact Arthur Nickless, The Strafford County representative of the Pease Development Authority Board of Directors at (603) 335-3948.

— MALCOM R. MCNEILL, JR.

DURHAM BUSINESS PARK

In February 1994, the Town of Durham, as part of the settlement of a law suit regarding odors produced at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, acquired the adjoining 26-acre parcel, now known as the Durham Business Park. Located with frontage on Route 4 and overlooking the Oyster River, the property is zoned Office and Research and has municipal water, telephone and electrical service. Northern Utilities is committed to bring natural gas to the site if a customer is found. Stringent shoreland protection, set-back requirements, and design guidelines reduce the actual developable portion of the land to less than seven acres. The Durham Business Park Committee was created by the Town Council to market the property so that it might be developed in an appropriate and productive manner.

The Durham Business Park Committee has completed a very interesting and challenging year. The Town of Durham entered into an "option to purchase" with William Duncan, President of Daylight Software, to sell the entire Durham Business Park for the purpose of creating a Software Office Park. The "option to purchase" was conditioned upon a number of different

factors, not the least of which is the ability of the Town (or the buyer) to gain access to Route 4 for a Software Office Park, which is proposed to be approximately 110,000 square feet in size. The State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation has indicted that it would support the development of a service road which would lead from the Durham Business Park to the Old Piscataqua Road and eventually end at the intersection of Route 108/Dover Road and the Old Piscataqua Road. That change would be dramatic and should require a review by the Town to ensure that such a road is in the best interest of the community.

Other conditions of the "option to purchase" that require agreement include the purchase price, the nature of the esthetic guidelines for the project, the timing of the construction of the development, and liability protection to the Town for odors that may be produced by the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Durham Business Park Committee continues to work diligently to complete the details required to allow this property to be developed in an appropriate fashion, generating necessary tax base for the community.

— LAURENCE SHAFFER
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

LAMPREY RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Lamprey
River
Advisory

Committee consists of members from Lee, Durham, Newmarket and Epping, nominated by the Towns and appointed by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Environmental Services. Members serve on a voluntary basis. The Committee has not sought financial support from the Town, working instead with staff and funding solicited from state, federal, private and foundation sources. After the Lamprey was designated into both the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers program and the State Rivers Management and Protection Program, the Committee developed a River Management Plan. In 1997, implementation of the Plan began.

The Committee is also charged with reviewing and commenting on any developments which may impact the river.

1997 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Review: the River's Edge Golf Course, occupying almost 2.5 miles of river frontage off Packers Fall Road. The LRWA has been working closely with the State Wetlands Board, federal Army Corps of Engineers and National Parks Service

to assure that the golf course be designed and operated in a manner which will have no adverse impact on water quality and will provide a shoreland buffer area for wildlife.

- Planning: a historic/passive recreation "pocket park" at the Wiswall Dam National Register of Historic Places site. With sketches prepared by a National Park Service designer, the LRAC held meetings with neighbors and the Town in refining plans. The goals of the project are public education on the history of the Lamprey, a quiet place to enjoy the river, improved safety around the dam, and controlled approved parking.

- Conservation: increased water withdrawals by the UNH Durham system had a marked impact on the river during this summer's drought. The LRAC entered into discussions with both the Town and University to design better water conservation measures and long-term water sources. The Committee is also working with students to encourage water conservation on campus.

Conservation: With a part-time land protection specialist and various conservation organizations, the LRAC is working with owners of significant properties along the river to encourage permanent conservation of land.

GOALS FOR 1998

- Continue to participate in the development of Town/University water conservation/water source plans which will protect the Lamprey.

- Work on development of the pocket park at the Wiswall dam

- Produce a videotape about the history of the Lamprey River.

- Begin a capital campaign to raise funds for buying conservation land and easements in the Lamprey corridor. Continue to work with riverfront landowners on land conservation.

- Develop information for shoreland owners on the attributes and best management of riverfront land.

— JUDITH SPANG
CHAIR

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BIRTHS REGISTERED For the Year Ending December 31, 1997

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
1996				
December 3	Portsmouth	Gerrit Pieter Zwart	M	Gerrit Townsend Zwart Anne Thayer Zwart
December 9	Portsmouth	Liam Grosholz Neville	M	Edwin Grosholz Donna Lynne Neville
December 12	Nashua	Sasha Dawn Kohnle	F	Scott Eric Kohnle Sandra Dorothy Kohnle
December 20	Portsmouth	Gina Marie Sbrilli	F	Paul John Sbrilli Theresa Rose Sbrilli
1997				
January 6	Dover	Madeline Margaret Skubisz	F	Michael Anthony Skubisz Kelly Anne Skubisz
January 19	Dover	Nina Knight	F	Nathaniel Knight Olessia Petrevna Vovina
January 23	Exeter	Christopher Michael King	M	Craig Michael King Linda Diane King
February 8	Dover	Mikaela Noelle Baldy	F	Michael Andrew Baldy Julie Beth Baldy
February 12	Exeter	Keenan Watson Grove	M	Nathan Charles Grove Yvonne Ann Grove
February 18	Dover	Alexandria Brenda Dumont	F	David Allen Dumont Teresa Marie Dumont
March 8	Dover	Christina Wong	F	Pak Chung Wong Patricia Chunxia Wong
March 11	Exeter	Jason George Camp	M	James Webster Camp Carol Jean Camp
March 26	Portsmouth	Hanna Mae Flaherty	F	Stephen Brian Flaherty Sheri Lynn Flaherty
March 31	Dover	Jason Yicheng Deng	M	Rongping Deng Li Ye
March 31	Dover	Jonathan Michael Dutka	M	Michael H Dutka Denise Ann Dutka
April 25	Portsmouth	Colin James Dwyer	M	Walter James Dwyer IV Patti Ann Marie Dwyer
April 29	Portsmouth	Aidan Patrick Short	M	Kevin Michael Short Michelle Renee Short
May 22	Portsmouth	Sophie Louise Shaw Webb	F	Douglas Landstreet Webb Pamela Louise Shaw
May 30	Portsmouth	Zachary Richard Welch	M	Richard Arthur Welch Kellie Jean Welch

DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	SEX	NAMES OF PARENTS
June 3	Dover	Jameson Burkhardt Harding	M	Joseph James Harding Laura Ellen Burkhardt
June 5	Portsmouth	Antoni Dylan Weglarz	M	Stephen Peter Weglarz Jr Mary Theresa Weglarz
June 9	Dover	Cameron Isaac Bassow	M	Lawrence Andrew Bassow Lydie Kerby
June 20	Portsmouth	Zachary Ty Randall	M	Ty Arthur Randall Tina Karen Randall
June 20	Dover	Daniel Dmitry Zhmurkin	M	Dmitry Vladimirovic Zhmurkin Natalia Anatolievna Zhmurkin
June 21	Dover	Kevin Patrick Primich	M	Matthew Paul Primich Elizabeth Mary Primich
July 4	Dover	Madison Lee Poen	F	Gary Daniel Poen Kimberly Lee Poen
July 18	Derry	Stephanie Elizabeth Clark	F	Stephen Michael Clark Cheryl Ann Clark
August 5	Dover	Matthew Li	M	Yinhua Li Yuhui Zhu
August 23	Exeter	Alexandra Beatrice Clark	F	Douglas Edwin Clark Kimberly Ellen Clark
September 5	Portsmouth	Stephen Donald Valpey	M	Stephen Bradford Valpey Donna Lynn Valpey
September 12	Dover	Phillip Edmund Griffith Jr	M	Phillip Edmund Griffith Mary Catherine Griffith
September 12	Exeter	Hannah Reine Shaw	F	Ryan Bellew Shaw Helen Kathleen Shaw
October 16	Portsmouth	Peter Scott Christie	M	Thomas Charles Christie Lynne Christine Christie
November 7	Portsmouth	Raghav Sriram Bhat	M	Sriram Thyagarajan Vidhya Sriram
November 10	Exeter	Wyndbam Francis John	M	Owen Bruce John Christine Elizabeth John
November 12	Exeter	James Gerard Barlow	M	James Lewis Barlow Charleen Marie Barlow
November 13	Dover	Gavin William Allen	M	Michael David Allen Lisa Stephanie Allen
November 16	Exeter	Emilie Elizabeth Ginn	F	Mark Legray Ginn Heidi Anne Grieb-Ginn
November 16	Exeter	Brennan David Dippold	M	Myron Jacob Dippold Davyanne Dippold
November 19	Exeter	Heidi Meredith Ellis Chutter	F	Mark William Chutter Lorna Beth Ellis
December 15	Dover	Avery Wilton Bates	M	Jeffrey Wilton Bates Alexandra Bates

MARRIAGES REGISTERED

DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND DESIGNATION OF OFFICIANT
January 4	Durham	Michael Herman Tritter Crystal Lee Speck	W Hollywood, CA W Hollywood, CA	Edward J Martin Justice of the Peace
January 10	Durham	Dennis John Waskiewicz Rosalind Tepper	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Ellen E Gordon Justice of the Peace
January 13	Milton	Albert Joseph LaRoche Madelaine L Charron	Durham, NH Dover, NH	Alfred Weeden Jr Pastor
April 21	Durham	Bruce Stacy Flanders Niki Hatzilambrou	Washington, DC Washington, DC	Jay W Flanders Justice of the Peace
May 10	Epping	Christopher William Connolly Alicia Lynn Coleman	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Ronald Corriveau Catholic Priest
May 24	Lee	Li Tang Su Li	Durham, NH Lee, NH	Daniel Barron Randall Clergy
June 9	Wakefield	Andrew Charles Tremblay Sherrie Carol Combee	Durham, NH Fort Mill, SC	Joan M Haskins Justice of the Peace
June 28	Tamworth	Michael Robert Watson Lizbeth Anne Liakos	Durham, NH Durham, NH	David Hughes Justice of the Peace
June 29	Exeter	William Henry Hagen Jr Kathleen Ann McCartney	Durham, NH Durham, NH	James G Pirie Reverend
July 4	Dover	Adam Jon Boisvert Shannon Leigh Kaichen	Durham, NH Barrington, NH	Paul L Gregoire Reverend
July 5	Newmarket	Roland Paul Marquis Jr Dianne Marie Butler	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John Finnegan Roman Catholic Priest
July 14	Newfields	David Henry Fitch Pilar Christine Maria Cheever	Durham, NH Bedford, NH	Lyman O Baier Pastor
July 20	Exeter	Morey Borovick Ceceila Norma Ferguson	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John P Griffith Justice of the Peace
July 26	New London	Karl Jacob Kreutz Sara Lynne Woodward	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Pamela Kerr McPhee Justice of the Peace
August 2	Rye	David Wayne Dauphinais Erin Elizabeth Heppe	Durham, NH Dover, NH	Alan L Chase Minister
August 3	Durham	Ismail Moulay El-Amrani Michele Samuels	New York, NY Durham, NH	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 8	Tuftsboro	Philip Knight Spencer Gail Blackburn Oram	Wolfeboro, NH Durham, NH	Alice T Rose Justice of the Peace
August 9	Portsmouth	Deron Timothy Quint Michelle Angela Cudjoe	Durham, NH Winnipeg, Canada	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 16	Durham	Nicholas Sebastian Milano Jr Patricia Susan Leavitt	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 16	Durham	Jun Zhang Laura Ann Drake	Cambridge, MA Milwaukee, WI	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
August 24	Dover	David John Gerard Maria Beth Bowden	Durham, NH Rollinsford, NH	Paul Lebrun Justice of the Peace
September 20	Keene	David Alan Price Jennifer Elyse Vogel	Durham, NH Dover, NH	John M Blackadar Pastor

DATE OF MARRIAGE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF BRIDE AND GROOM	RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND DESIGNATION OF OFFICIANT
September 27	Portsmouth	Wesley Arthur Merritt Sonya Leigh Lawrence	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Anthony Acheson Minister
October 2	Dover	Albert LaRoche Madelaine L Charron	Durham, NH Dover, NH	Judith Gaouette Justice of the Peace
October 11	Portsmouth	Andrew Mathieson Moore Jennifer Ann Coon	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Patricia D Reardon Justice of the Peace
October 11	Dover	Jonathan Morgan Grove Jennifer Caroline Jenkins	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Constance G Weeks Clerk
October 13	Durham	Thomas Francis Gordon Nazmin Bhatia	New York, NY New York, NY	Jeanette C Gagne Justice of the Peace
October 25	Durham	Kenneth Sun Kay Chu Stacie Ann Russo	Durham, NH Durham, NH	Edmund A Babicz Catholic Priest
October 25	Durham	Alfred A Pantano Jr Julie Ann Brooks	Milford, MA Durham, NH	Daniel A StLaurent Roman Catholic Priest
November 3	Durham	George W Hinman Jr Ann B Haskell	Durham, NH Durham, NH	John E Filler Minister
November 22	Durham	Christopher James Antos Diane Elizabeth Jennison	Somersworth, NH Somersworth, NH	Linda L Ekdahl Justice of the Peace
November 28	Milton	Gerard Edmund Landry Kathleen Agnes Stetson	Exeter, NH Exeter, NH	Allen J Hebert Justice of the Peace
December 27	New Castle	Keith Arnold Hangland Jo-Anna Hegenbarth Evora	Denver, CO Denver, CO	Raymond B Wilber Minister

DEATHS REGISTERED

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	OCCUPATION	STATE OF BIRTH
January 2	Durham	Kenneth E Burch	Tool Room Mechanic	New Hampshire
February 7	Durham	Gregory Alan StAmour	Research Assistant	New Hampshire
February 14	Durham	Evelyn Elizabeth Pike	Bookkeeper	Massachusetts
February 28	Durham	Frank W Weeden	Student	New Hampshire
March 11	Dover	Phyllis Redlon Sawyer	Dental Hygienist	New Hampshire
April 16	Exeter	Harold Alfred Sandstrom	Journalist	Massachusetts
May 17	Rochester	Charles Henry Smith	Warehouseman	England
May 21	Rochester	Irene T Smith	Homemaker	New Hampshire
May 22	Boston, MA	Margaret Cairns	Teacher	Illinois
June 1	Durham	Bruce Nichols	Conductor	New Hampshire
June 9	Lee	Earle Thomas Cheney	Insurance Gen. Mgr.	Massachusetts
July 14	Dover	Alice Jenny Monroe	Housewife	Maine
July 28	Durham	Philip Eugene Rogers	Plastics Technology	Pennsylvania
August 4	Durham	Rita M Crowley	Teacher	Massachusetts
August 8	Durham	Beatrice Polumbaum Weiner	Homemaker	New York
September 9	Exeter	Joseph Eugene Jalbert	Vice President	Rhode Island
September 10	Dover	Carl Clifton Swebilius	Draftsman	Connecticut
September 19	Dover	Alice Mary Dietz	Housewife	New Jersey
September 21	Portsmouth	Kenneth James Kerr	Col. US Air Force	Canada
October 4	Durham	Lucy Louise Niemi	Homemaker	New Hampshire
October 28	Durham	Lorraine Bernice Wilcox	Housewife	Massachusetts
November 8	Dover	Theodore Rudolph Niemi	Stone Mason	New Hampshire
November 9	Durham	Barry Fisher Sloat	Computer Prog Analyst	Connecticut
November 9	Portsmouth	Robert Charles Kennedy	Professor	Massachusetts
December 14	Dover	Paula Tamya Karson	Housewife	New York

town of durham WARRANT

ELECTION, TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998

To the inhabitants of the Town of Durham, the County of Strafford, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Oyster River High School Cafeteria, Coe Drive, in said Durham, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, the tenth day of March 1998 (the polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM) to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1:

To bring in your votes for three (3) Councilors (3-year terms); seven (7) Durham Public Library Board of Trustees, three (3-year terms), two (2-year terms), two (1-year terms); one (1) Moderator (3-year term); one (1) Supervisor of the Checklist (6-year term) and one (1) Trustee of the Trust Fund (3-year term).

ARTICLE 2:

Shall we permit the Board of Library Trustees to retain all money it receives from income-generating equipment to be used for general repairs and upgrading and for the purchase of books, supplies and income-generating equipment?

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 3:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.3(A) "SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST":

First sentence, strike the word "odd" and replace with the word [even"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 4:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.5(A) "CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS":

Strike the words "Tuesday following the first Monday of November" and replace with ["second Tuesday in March."]

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 5:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 2, SECTION 2.8 "CONTESTED ELECTIONS":

Strike the present wording in this section and replace with ["The election laws of the State of New Hampshire shall govern the resolution of any contested election."]

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 6:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.1(B) AND SECTION 3.2 "TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP AND ORGANIZATION MEETING":

Strike the words "January (after January first)" and replace with the word, ["March"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 7:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 3, SECTION 3.3 "SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, TOWN COUNCIL":

Change the word, "January" in the first sentence and replace with the word ["March"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 8:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.5, SUBPARAGRAPH (e) "TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; POWERS AND DUTIES":

Insert the word ["Managing"] before the word "the" at the beginning of the sentence.

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 9:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.5, SUBPARAGRAPH (f) "TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; POWERS AND DUTIES":

Insert the word ["Managing"] before the word "the" at the beginning of the sentence.

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 10:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.5, SUBPARAGRAPH (g) "TOWN ADMINISTRATOR; POWERS AND DUTIES":

Insert the word ["Keeping"] before the word "a" at the beginning of the sentence.

YES _____ NO _____

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ARTICLE 11:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.8(A)

"DEPARTMENTS":

Change the title "Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement" to read ["*Planning and Community Development, Zoning and Code Enforcement*,"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 12:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.10(A) "FISCAL AFFAIRS: TREASURER; INVESTMENT ADVISOR; FINANCE MANAGEMENT; AUDIT:

Strike the words "The Town Council shall appoint a Treasurer, which position may be full or part-time as the Council may determine, who" and replace with ["*A Town Treasurer shall be elected at a Town election by the voters of the Town by ballot pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law. The Town Treasurer*"]

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 13:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.10(C) "FISCAL AFFAIRS: TREASURER; INVESTMENT ADVISOR; FINANCE MANAGEMENT; AUDIT:

Add the following words at the beginning of the first sentence ["*With the exception of those duties charged to the Town Tax Collector pursuant to the State Law,*"]

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 14:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 4, SECTION 4.11 "TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR":

Add this as a new section as follows ["*A Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall be elected at a Town Election by the voters of the Town by ballot pursuant to the applicable provisions of State law. The Town Clerk/Tax Collector shall have the powers and duties prescribed by State law pertaining to Town Clerks and Town Tax Collectors.*"]

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 15:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10.2(A) "TERM COMMENCEMENT; NOTICE OF ELECTION APPOINTMENT":

Delete this section in its entirety.

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 16:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 10, SECTION 10.2(B) "TERM COMMENCEMENT; NOTICE OF ELECTION APPOINTMENT":

Strike the words "January (following January first)" and insert the word ["*March*"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 17:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.1(C) "PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE"

Insert the words ["*and one (1) alternate member*"] at the end of the first sentence. Add the following as the third sentence, ["*The alternate shall be appointed by the Town Council for a term of three (3) years.*"]

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 18:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.1(I) "ADMINISTRATIVE AND JUDICIAL BOARDS":

Change the word "February" to read ["*April*"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 19:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 11, SECTION 11.3 "TERMS OF OFFICE":

Strike the words "January 1" wherever they appear and replace with the words ["*April 1*"], and strike the words "December 31" wherever they appear and replace with the words ["*March 31*"].

YES _____ NO _____

ARTICLE 20:

Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment summarized below?

CHARTER ARTICLE 12 "TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS; CONTINUATION OF GOVERNMENT":

Strike this article in its entirety.

YES _____ NO _____

Given under our hands and seal this 26th day of JANUARY in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Eight.

COUNCILORS OF DURHAM

GEORGE A. RIEF, CHAIR

BRUCE BRAGDON, CHAIR PRO TEM

DALE L. "PETE" CHINBURG

VI B. MCNEILL

PATRICIA SAMUELS

EDWARD VALENA

DAVID LANGLEY

WALTER ROUS

MALCOLM SANDBERG

informational town **MEETING AGENDA**

AGENDA **1998 INFORMATIONAL TOWN MEETING** WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1998 OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA 7:00 P.M.

- I. INTRODUCTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS BY TOWN MODERATOR
 - A. Members of the 1997 Town Council
 - B. Newly Elected Members to Town Council in 1998
 - C. Election Results of Other Town Officials and Charter amendment votes
 - D. Election Results for Library Board of Trustees
 - E. Introduction of Main Street Manager
- II. REMARKS
 - A. Comments by Town Council Chairman George A. Rief
 - B. Comments by Town Administrator Laurence Shaffer
 - 1. Presentation of Certificates
 - 2. Report on Various Town Activities and Projects
 - C. Comments by Director of Planning and Community Development, Duane Hyde, on the Master Plan efforts
- III. COMMENTS BY CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEES, COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS
 - A. Conservation Commission
 - B. Historic District Commission
 - C. Parks and Recreation Committee
 - D. Planning Board
 - E. Zoning Board of Adjustment
 - F. Library Board of Trustees
 - G. Lamprey River Management Advisory Committee
- IV. OPEN DISCUSSION BETWEEN COUNCIL AND RESIDENTS ON ISSUES OF INTEREST
- V. OTHER BUSINESS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT

resource INFORMATION

Land Area (2.2 miles of which is water surface) 25.5 sq. miles
Population (based on 1990 census) 11,818
Incorporated 1732
Durham's Congressional District Number 1

Town Tax Rate (Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation)\$36.32
 Town\$9.85
 School.....\$23.72
 County\$2.75
Net Assessed Valuation\$329,822,470
Percentage of Valuation95%*

* Estimate of percent of valuation.

MEETING DATES FOR TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

(Notices are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Town Hall.)

Town Council First and third Mondays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Conservation Commission Second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Historic District Commission First Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Parks & Recreation Committee Second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Planning Board First and third Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment Second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM, Town Hall

TOWN OFFICE FUNCTIONS:

Town Office Hours Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Car Registration Registration in month of birth. Renewal stickers can be purchased at Town Clerk's Office for \$2.50 per registration.
Car Inspection Car must be inspected within ten (10) days of first registration in New Hampshire. After that, inspection is done in the registrant's birth month.
Driver's License Application available at Town Clerk's Office.
Dog Registration Due May 1st. Neutered Male/Spayed Female: \$6.50. Unneutered Male/Unspayed Female: \$9.00.
Property Taxes Due December 1st or thirty (30) days after date of issuance.
Water & Sewer Billings Issued every six (6) months.
Voter Registration New voters can register with the Supervisor of the Checklist or the Town Clerk. Proof of age and citizenship are required.
Marriage Licenses Available through Town Clerk's Office

MISCELLANEOUS

Public Hearings & Public Forums

Notices for public hearings and public forums are published in the legal section of the Foster's Daily Democrat and Transcript Newspapers.

Solid Waste Management Facility

Located on Durham Point Road. Hours of operation: Tuesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Landfill Permits and Bulky Waste Disposal Coupons may be obtained at the Public Works Department, located at 100 Stone Quarry Drive, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon and 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 868-1001

Fee Schedule for Landfill Permits

Permanent residents: 1-year permit - \$5.00. Temporary permit - \$5.00 (non-transferable; not to exceed a 30-day period). Construction permit - \$50.00 (not to exceed a 30-day period).

Tax Exemptions

For information regarding elderly, veteran's, blind, solar energy, totally disabled and physically handicapped exemptions, or current use taxation, please contact the Tax Assessor at 868-8065.

telephone DIRECTORY

FOR INDIVIDUAL VOICE MAIL EXTENSIONS
AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES BY OFFICE SEE PAGE 68

EMERGENCY NUMBERS – FIRE, POLICE/RESCUE

Emergency9-1-1
Emergency from UNH campus only*9-1-1

GENERAL BUSINESS

FireBusiness: 868-5531
Fax: 862-1513
Police868-2324
Fax: 868-8037
Ambulance862-3674
Animal Control868-2324

TOWN OFFICES

Town Clerk/Tax Collector (voter and car registrations;
dog licenses; tax, water, or sewer payments)868-5577
Public Works (landfill permits)868-5578
Solid Waste Management Facility868-1001
Planning, Zoning and Code Enforcement
(building permits)868-8064
Tax Assessor (property tax exemptions, abatements,
assessment information)868-8065
Business Manager868-8043
Town Administrator868-5571
Fax: 868-5572

OYSTER RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent of Schools868-5100
Moharimet Elementary School742-2900
Mast Way Elementary School659-3001
Middle School868-2820
High School868-2375

RECREATION

Oyster River Youth Association868-5150

MAIN STREET PROGRAM

Kevin Coyle, Manager, Main Street868-3322

GOVERNOR OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen271-2121
208-214 State House, Concord NH 03301

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332 Diksen Building, Washington, DC 20510
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Portsmouth, NH 03801433-1667

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393 Russell Building, Washington, DC 20510
Local: 99 Pease Blvd., Portsmouth, NH 03801431-2171

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Rep. Marjorie Smith – Dist. 8Office: 271-3369
P.O. Box 136, Durham NH 03824Home: 868-7500

Rep. Amanda Merrill – Dist. 8Office: 271-2136
8 Meadow Road, Durham NH 03824Home: 868-2491

Rep. Deborah Merritt – Dist. 8Office: 271-3570
20 Cedar Point, Durham NH 03824Home: 743-6397

Rep. Iris Estabrook – Dist. 8Office: 271-2169
8 Burnham Ave., Durham NH 03824Home: 868-5524

Rep. Janet Wall – Dist. 9Office: 271-3184
P.O. Box 28, Durham NH 03824Home: 749-3051

OTHER COMMONLY USED NUMBERS

Post Office868-2151
Durham Public Library868-6699
Historic Museum868-5436
Durham District Court868-2323
Greater Dover Chamber of Commerce
(which serves Durham)742-2218
NH Fish and Game868-1095

telephone and AND E-MAIL LISTINGS BY OFFICE

DEPARTMENT	VOICE MAIL EXTENTION	TEL. #	E-MAIL ADDRESS
ADMINISTRATION			
Larry Shaffer	133	868-5571	administrator@ci.durham.nh.us
Jennie Berry	129		
Emily Burns	130		
BUSINESS OFFICE			
Clara Varney	138	868-8043	business@ci.durham.nh.us
Kathie Lopez	116		
Paulette Rouleau	115		
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Ron O'Keefe			
Mark Tetreault			
Sheryl Hoisington			
MAIN STREET MANAGER			
Kevin Coyle	110	868-3322	mainstreet@ci.durham.nh.us
PLANNING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ZONING/BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT ASSESSING			
Duane Hyde	121	868-8064	plan-zone@ci.durham.nh.us
Rich Hunsberger	118	868-8064	codeofficer@ci.durham.nh.us
Donna Langley	119	868-8065	assessing@ci.durham.nh.us
Deborah Quisumbing	117		
Josh Gorman, Planning Intern	121		
Emos Bilgili, Planning Intern	121		
POLICE DEPT. —86 Dover Road			
Dave Kurz		868-2324	police@ci.durham.nh.us
Mike Golding			
Joe McGann			
Margorie Rawson			
Jen Johnson			
PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. —100 Stone Quarry Drive			
Skip Grady		868-5578	publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us
Gail Jablonski			
Mike Lynch			
Brian Beers			
Derek Miles			
TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK			
Linda Ekdahl	137	868-5577	clerk-collector@ci.durham.nh.us
Lorrie Pitt	136		
Donna Hamel	135		
WATER DEPT. —100 Durham Point Road			
Guy Hodgdon	142	868-1001	publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us
Dwight Richard			
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT—Route 4			
Duane Walker		868-2274	publicworks@ci.durham.nh.us

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